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We would love to follow some area residents, by phone, email and photos, as you go about coping with our new shared circumstances, whether it is having your school-aged children at home for the next few weeks or how you are handling work, whether at home or in the office. If you would rather send photos in or write essays about how it is going, send them to ekennedy@turley.com. If you want to be part of our effort to document how people are coping with these new circumstances, please send your name and contact to ekennedy@turley.com. If children want to contribute please send artwork, essays and photos on with the creator's full name and town. Please include full names and telephone numbers, which we don't publish, so we can reach you. Stay safe.

Thanks,
Eileen Kennedy, Editor

Committee approves preliminary budget

By Ellenor Downer
Staff writer

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School District Committee unanimously approved a preliminary budget of \$36,023,026, and \$658,641 less than the first proposal of \$36,681,667.

The approved preliminary budget was a 3.4 percent increase over last year. The first proposal was a 5.3 percent increase. Assessments for the five-member towns would be: Barre 7.49 percent, Hardwick 10.12 percent, Hubbardston 7.80 percent, New Braintree 6.40 percent and Oakham 7.79 percent.

This was a preliminary budget based on the Governor's budget, the only budget available at the time. The house version budget would be out the third week of April and the senate version, mid-June.

Budget categories with increases exceeded the number of those with decreases. On the decrease side were district administrative and legal at minus .5 percent, plant and facilities at minus .4 percent and special education transportation at minus 6.2 percent for a total decrease of \$97,804.

Categories on the increase were administrative technology and support at plus 15.7 percent, instructional support at plus 3.9 percent, athletics and student activities at plus 3.7 percent, school security at plus 4.7 percent, technology infrastructure/maintenance at plus 0.1 percent, benefits at plus 9.4 percent, fixed charges at plus 4.5 percent, tuition at plus 0.6 percent, special

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Quaboag Regional Middle High School is just one of the many schools closed in the state for three weeks to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. To-go meals will be available at schools and learning packets are being developed.

Coronavirus shuts schools, libraries



Most closed through April 6

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

In the wake of Gov. Charlie Baker's emergency measures, schools have shut down for three weeks, towns are limiting the public from town offices and libraries have also closed, as of Monday, to stem the spread of the highly-contagious COVID-19 virus that has been sweeping the world. In Massachusetts, as of

Ware Public Schools are just one of many closed across the state until at least April 6 to help stop the spread of the novel coronavirus. To-go meals are being offered and learning packets have been developed and are available online and physically at the Ware Middle School.

Monday, there were 197 cases of the disease, and six of them are in Worcester County.

In all towns, it is being emphasized that all public safety functions will continue uninterrupted.

The closures are at least through April 6, with most schools providing take-out breakfast and lunch for students.

Many schools had already decided last Friday to shut their doors for two weeks to stop the spread of the virus, but now they will remain closed through Monday, April 6.

"During this period it is critical that students and their families, as well as school staff, stay home as much as possible," wrote state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley's statement about the closure on the department's website and to schools across the state. "If you

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Quabbin NJROTC Ball a big hit with students

Lock In follows formal dance

By Karen A. Lewis
Correspondent

BARRE - It was definitely a night to remember, as the annual Quabbin NJROTC Ball came to an end and the party continued for the rest of the evening until the early morning hours at Quabbin Regional High School for the sixth annual Lock In two weekends ago.

"I really enjoyed the ball

this year," said NJROTC sophomore cadet Lexie Lyden. "I got to spend time with my friends, and dancing with everyone was a blast, no one felt left out. There's always a beautiful ceremony, which I was able to be a part of this year. It adds to the entire evening."

While the Ball has been going on since the onset of NJROTC at Quabbin in 1967, the Lock In began in 2015, a year following the untimely passing of Quabbin senior cadet

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Turley Publications correspondent photo by Karen A. Lewis
NJROTC cadets, left to right, Lexie Lyden, Lily Hanks, Izaiah Gonzalez and Christopher Eldredge practice for Just Dance at the Lock In after the ball.

First recreational marijuana store opens

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Last Saturday morning just before 9 a.m., about 20 Curaleaf employees put the finishing touches on the town's first recreational marijuana store, including Patrik Jonsson, president of Curaleaf Massachusetts, before it opened. This store, which is in a West Street strip mall with Asian Garden and O'Reilly's Auto Parts, makes the company's fourth in the state with others located in Oxford, Hanover and Provincetown, and it has a grow facility in Webster.

The space could pass for a boutique jewelry store with glass cases and soft lighting until one looks into the cases where a wide variety of marijuana samples are displayed.

The company focuses on educating its consumers according to store manager Kristin Aiesi, who also lives in Ware. She pointed to one wall with the phrase, "ask us anything" in large letters. "We pride ourselves on educating customers about which strain provides a certain feeling and how much to take," she said. "Whether they want to destress or have energy to clean the whole house, we can advise them." The store offers 12 strains of marijuana in a variety of forms including gummies infused with it, other edibles, liquid and the most well-known, smokable, she said.

SelectBoard member Tracy Opalinski, along with her husband and son, was proud to be the first customer. "I'm very excited to be in the first store," she said. "I think this brings a positive business to the



Curaleaf employees got together for a group photo moments before they opened the company's latest store.

Ware community."

She said the way the store is laid out and decorated created a warm, relaxing feeling making it a nice place to shop.

"I also like the way Curaleaf is vertically integrated with their own growing facility," she said. "You know what you're getting is the real thing. I also think it's great that a national company is investing in our town."

She pointed to the economic benefit of the five-year host agreement providing 3 percent of the store's proceeds to the town, and another 3 percent to the state, as great economic benefits. The company will also donate \$15,000 a year to a local nonprofit.

The company currently operates in 17 states with 53 dispensaries, 15 cultivation sites, 24 processing sites and employs over 2,200 people.

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Turley Publications staff photos by Eileen Kennedy
Two customers received help at Curaleaf's newest recreational marijuana store in Ware.

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THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE CANCELED.

TOWN HALL BELLS Come to the Ware Historical Society presentation “Making the Bells Ring”, on March 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road. Bill Moryl, with Building Inspector Anna Marques, Dennis Pariseau and Matt Jablonski, of Above the Law Aerial Photography, and electrician Ron Lamb, who worked with Bill to electrify the clock and add color for the holidays, will share pictures and stories of their motivation, their love of Ware, their experiences of exploring the Town Hall tower and their plan for refurbishing the bells. There will be envelopes available that evening for anyone who would like to donate to the bell restoration. Please come to hear the history of Ware Town Hall and share memories of Ware.

CELTIC MUSIC AND WORDS The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library will present The Softer Side of Celtic on Friday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town House, 32 Common St. Much history is preserved in song, and musician and raconteur Jeff Snow magically weaves the sounds of traditional instruments with voice and a wee bit of history to create an experience with singing, laughing, smiles and perhaps a few tears. For more information about Snow, go online to www.jeffsnow.net. Stop by the library to learn more, call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigeli-brary@gmail.com for more information.

BRIDAL FAIR On Saturday, March 21, Dioguardi Jewelers will host their fourth annual bridal event. The event will start at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The store is located at 95 Main St. in Ware. This bridal event is free for brides and grooms who would like to attend. As they did for the last three years, Michael and Jennifer Harris, owners of Dioguardi Jewelers, strive to network with other local businesses in the bridal/wedding industry to show that Ware is a one-stop shop for weddings.

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER Friends of Ware Town Hall invites you to a fund-raising event at Mexicali Mexican Grill on Wednesday, March 25. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy a delicious night out and help us raise money for our Town Hall.

YOGA AND MEDITATION Let the spring begin – within with yoga and meditation on Thursday March 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St in West Warren. Melt the winter tension away and welcome the new season. Enjoy simple yoga stretches and moves that anyone can do, bringing greater flexibility, range of motion, balance, stamina and energy. Learn to quiet your mind and find inner peace through an easy style of meditation. Yoga and meditation are clinically tested tools for reducing stress and improving health. Taught by Phil Milgrom, RYT, CSYT, CSMT, Co-Director of The Centered Place in Warren. For ages 15 and up. Please bring a mat and blanket.

Please call the Warren Public Library to register at 413-436-7690 or email warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com. This event is free and is sponsored by the Warren Public Library with a grant from the Warren Cultural

Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Bruce Chabot quickly identified last week's Are You Old News? photo, which showed Warren Pumps employee, Bill Cass, assembling a pump at the company that would be used on the United States Navy's Seawolf class of submarines.

Anyone who can identify the candidate in the center behind the pickup truck in this week's photo, from the the April 18, 1991 issue should send the answer and their full name to ekennedy@turley.com.

Council, a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

POLISH FOOD AND BAKE SALE will be held at St. Mary's Church hall, South Street, on Saturday, March 28. Polish food will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and include frozen pierogi, golombki, kapusta, kielbasa and rye bread. These are for take-out only. The bake sale is being sponsored by the All Saints and St. Mary's Rosary Sodality and will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and enjoy a free cup of coffee along with some delicious pastry for eat-in or take-out. Contacts for food sale are Sylvia at 413-436-9268 or Diane at 413-967-5207.

ART EXHIBIT The Hardwick Historical Society is hosting a two-day art exhibition featuring local artist, Frank J. Bly on April 4 and April 5, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Hardwick Town House on the Hardwick Common. This is a rare opportunity to meet him and see some of his famous Quabbin paintings and other of surrounding towns. The Historical Museum will be also open for viewing during the event. This event is free and open to the public. It is handicapped accessible for those in need.

ONGOING activities

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP Were you in a relationship you felt was destructive?

Are you in one now? Not sure? Come talk with us about this and more in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere. Come to The Healing Alliance Support Group for women questioning the health of their relationships on Domestic Violence Support Group at the Ware Learning Center, 23 West Main St, in Ware, on Thursdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free child care is provided. For more information please contact Pat James at 413-726-8661.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can sign up for the checkers tournament, enjoy lots of games, coloring or Legos. This program is made possible by a cultural council grant.

TEA, TREATS AND TALK are what Tea Party Thursdays are all about at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. There are so many delightful people to meet. Come make new friends, meet old acquaintances and share conversation. Just come for tea (or coffee) or come propose a new activity. Meet at the Paige on Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information email director.paigeli-brary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a knitting and crochet club meeting every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come no matter their level of experience. Come and learn, lessons are given from 3 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

HOMEMADE MEAL DELIVERY All Saints Church is starting a hot homemade meal delivery for anyone in Ware called Take and Eat, which will be available on the first Saturday of each month. The church would like to know of anyone, yourselves included, who would benefit for getting a hot homemade meal once a month. There is no charge for the meal and there are no qualifications in getting the meal. Just asking for it is enough. Please call the rectory office at 413-967-4963 and give the name and address of the person or persons who would like to receive the meal. The program is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, "I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me."

WARE FUEL BANK The Ware Fuel Bank has once again received generous donations from local businesses and has funds to help Ware residents who are facing interruption of utility service during the heating season. The only requirement is being a Ware resident with proof of low-income status or a financial crisis. The United Church of Ware administers this program. Those who need help or those wanting more information should call the church at 413-967-9981.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT Ware Community Theatre is seeking new members. It is a nonprofit organization interested in enhancing Ware's culture by producing live performance plays, readings and solo persons of interest that may include musicals, dramas,

local and national historical productions and timely events. They meet monthly on the third Monday at Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware at 7 p.m. Please call 413-544-8381 with any questions.

COMMUNITY DINNER STARTS The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road will hold free community dinners on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. All ages are welcome at the dinner.

NARCAN TRAINING The Ware Fire Department and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance are sponsoring free nasal Nalcan (Naloxone) trainings on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Narcan or Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an overdose from prescription opioids or heroin. It can be purchased without a prescription at local pharmacies. If you or a loved one uses opioids, it is recommended to have Narcan and know how to use it. The free trainings will be held at the Ware Fire Department at 200 West Street. No appointments or pre-registrations are necessary, and those wishing to get the training can just walk in. For more information call 413-967-5901.

BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS Residents are invited to join the Ware Community Concert Band. Come and experience the satisfaction of rehearsing and performing in a large accomplished band. The Concert Band rehearses once each week in the Ware High School auditorium on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They perform two full-length concerts each season, one in December and one in June, and also perform at local ceremonies and events. Membership is open to all local and area musicians of all ability levels and all band instruments. The only requirement is a desire to grow musically. Exercise your talents and come join them in making the music. For more information contact John, the conductor, at jshobbs413@charter.net.

KNITTING CIRCLE The Warren Public Library at 934 Main St., in Warren is inviting knitters on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. to join all ages and abilities of knitters at a new, ongoing knitting circle. Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. Basic instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.

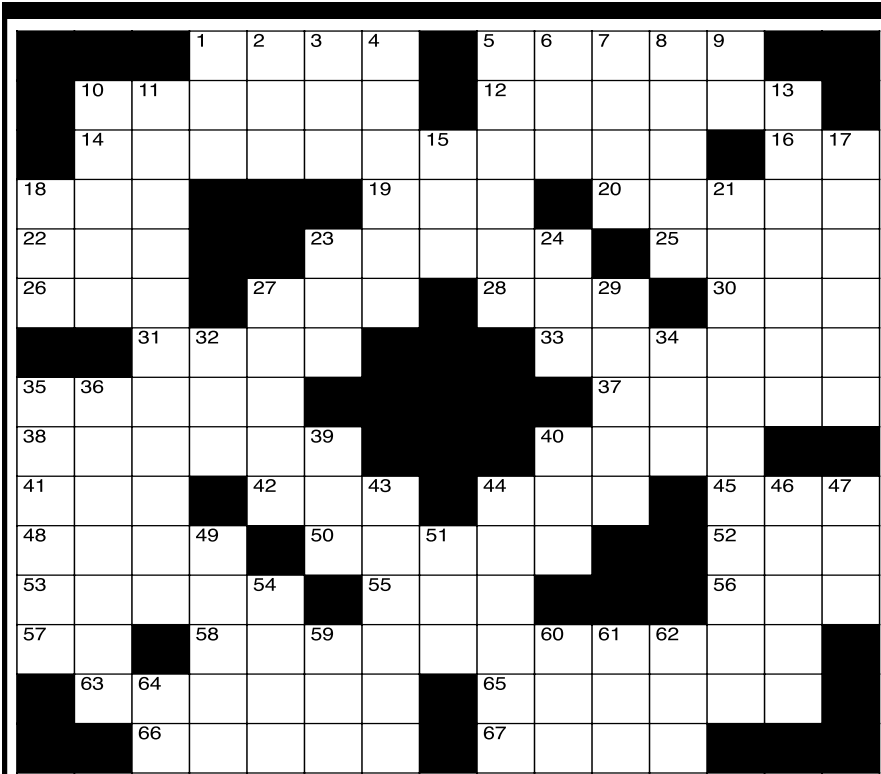
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-UNIT 123 WARE meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Maple Street. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Michele at 413-544-1996.

BASEBALL BOOK AVAILABLE The Ware Historical Society has added to its collection of the three Ware histories and other books of interest, "Ware Boys of Summer" by Ware native Stephen R. Katz. The stories of seven major league players from out small town is full of history of the game. Call Polli at 413-967-6882 to purchase a copy. The cost is \$15.95.

STORY TIME The Young Men's Library Association has story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. located at 37 Main Street in Ware. After the story, there is always a craft. Come meet new friends! All ages welcome. No registration required. The library is wheelchair accessible. Contact Cathy Rezendes at 413-967-9691 for more information.

BOOK CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a meeting of its book club on the last Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ADULT COLORING CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds an adult coloring club meeting on the first, third, fourth and fifth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.



- CLUES ACROSS**

1. Currency of Guinea

5. Avert something bad

10. Sounds

12. Immediate dangers

14. Legendary Tar Heels coach

16. Californium

18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)

19. Coastal Scottish town

20. Triangular lower back bones

22. Trouble

23. A way to smile

25. Something that is not what it seems

26. Of she

27. Temporary living quarters

28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal

30. Indicates near
31. Spiritual leader

33. Soup dish

35. Philippine island

37. No longer fashionable

38. Peaks

40. Alabama football team

41. ___ King Cole

42. Digital audiotape

44. Open trough

45. The woman

48. Cools down

50. Turkic language

52. Body part

53. Pulse steadily

55. Embedded computer hardware company

56. Indicates shape

57. Italian (plural)

58. Odd and remarkable

63. An evening party

65. National capital of Zambia

66. Tantalizes
67. Dark brown or black

Adams

24. Snitch

27. Trimmed

29. Greek god of desire

32. Take to the limit

34. Cool!

35. Sound mental health group

36. Native American

39. Test for high schoolers

40. Rocky peak

43. Preferences

44. Bother

46. Call attention to (slang)

47. Snake-like fish

49. Bulgarian capital

51. Don't know when yet

54. Italian Seaport

59. Brooklyn hoopster

60. Where to bathe

61. Equal, prefix

62. Beverage container

64. Denotes openness
- CLUES DOWN**

1. Not naturally outgoing

2. Exclamation of pain

3. Polynesian garland of flowers

4. Surrounded by water

5. Church towers

6. Hot beverage

7. Body parts

8. Travel documents

9. Railway

10. Gradually wear away

11. Measuring instrument

13. Minor dust-ups

15. Strongly alkaline solution

17. Extreme scarcity of food

18. Dash

21. Philly culinary specialty

23. Popular lager ___

The grade K-12 SCHOOL CHOICE OPEN HOUSE that was originally scheduled for Quabbin Regional School District on Wednesday, March 25th is canceled. Later date to be announced.

At Quabbin you can:

- Take advantage of our cutting edge K-12 STEM, art, and music programming.
- Participate in diverse programming such as NJROTC, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced Placement.
- Experience advanced career training in I.T. and Advanced Manufacturing.
- Compete on middle school, junior varsity, and varsity athletic teams.
- Learn about so much more.

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STAFF WRITER POSITION

Turley Publications is seeking an energetic person to fill the position of staff writer for two of its weekly publications: the Ware River News, which covers Ware, Hardwick and Warren, and the Quaboag Current, which covers the Brookfields, Sturbridge and New Braintree. This full-time position is based in our Ware office at 80 Main St. The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills or the enthusiasm to develop them. The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially everything that unfolds in small towns. Assignments will be for both newspapers as well as other companywide publications.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Own camera and photography experience preferred
- Enthusiasm for community journalism
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced environment

Please email resume and three writing samples directly to Eileen Kennedy Managing Editor at ekennedy@turley.com.

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Ware SelectBoard candidates forum on



QRSD offers free meals to go

REGION — The Quabbin Regional School District has plans in place to ensure students who rely on their schools for breakfast and lunch continue to receive that service.

Walk-up distribution of daily prepared meals at selected school sites for families to pick up will be available Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. until school reopens. These meals will be available for free for anyone 18 and under regardless of what school they attend. Each child will receive a breakfast and lunch.

Families can access meals from either location listed: Hardwick Elementary School (no pin required) or Quabbin Middle & High School (will need 4 digit pin# or student name).

Cold “grab and go” options will be available and meals must be taken and consumed off site. If people have difficulty with transportation for pickup or other concerns, they may call 978-355-4668.

Deslauriers Scholarship applications now available

WARE — Applications for the Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship are now available at high school guidance offices. The committee will award the Michael H. Deslauriers scholarship to a graduating senior residing in the town of Ware, regardless of the school district they attend.

To apply for this scholarship, a copy of the student’s school transcript and a completed application, which is available at area school guidance offices, must be submitted by May 1.

Please mail the application to Ware Amvets Post 2577, C/O Richard Rucki, 8 First Ave., Ware, MA, 01082.

No audience member allowed to attend

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE — The annual candidates forum for contested town seats is going forward on Saturday morning, at 9 a.m., at Town Hall, although that could change depending on fluctuating circumstances regarding COVID-19.

If it is postponed residents will be notified on the Ware River News’ Facebook page, the town website and on Ware Community Television.

There will be no public audience at Town Hall, and Ware Community Television will tape the event and air it on their channels. A story will also follow in next week’s Ware River News.

Residents are encouraged to

send questions they would like asked to ekennedy@turley.com, although the editor reserves the right to choose the questions that will be used.

There are five candidates for two, three-year terms on the SelectBoard, with two of the candidates have served previously as members.

Catherine R. Buelow-Cascio, of 95 Church St., and John A. Desmond, of 12 Dugan Road, have both chosen to throw their hats in the ring. Buelow-Cascio served as SelectBoard member a number of years ago, and often attends the board’s meetings to comment on town issues.

Desmond served for several terms before deciding to run for the Board of Health, where he is finishing up a three-year term.

The other candidates are Thomas H. Barnes, of 45 Moriarty Road, Michael R. Bouvier, of 62 Aspen St., and John Joseph Morrin, of 170 Monson Turnpike Road.

Turley Publications file photo

The Candidates Forum for contested SelectBoard seats will go forward at Town Hall this Saturday morning with no audience. Check the Ware River News Facebook page to see if it has been postponed due to changing circumstances around COVID-19.

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urged them to use the resources the school system is providing to engage in meaningful learning experiences during the closure. She also said if students have a behavioral health crisis during the closure and need immediate assistance, parents should contact the Behavioral Health Network Emergency Services at 413-733-6661.

The last day of school, as days after March 15 do not have to be made up, will be June 17.

Quaboag Regional School Superintendent Dr. Brett Kustigian wrote a letter to the school community last Friday announcing two weeks of closure last Friday, saying he did not come to the decision lightly, although that date is now April 6.

“I want to impress upon the community that there are no known presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in our towns, but it is a rapidly changing situation and we are taking this action as an abundance of caution,” he said. “The national response to this unprecedented pandemic is changing hour by hour and the safety of our school community is our top priority.”

There will be enhanced cleaning of Quaboag’s three schools, and administrators were working hard to provide learning for students during the closure, he said.

Free bagged breakfast and lunch meals were made available as of this past Monday, with pickups for breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at each school.

The Quabbin Regional School District had also already decided to close its doors for two weeks last Friday, but will now be closed through April 6.

Quabbin School Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir thanked the community for the support shown the district during its attempts to navigate the rapidly changing situation.

Free meals for students under 18 who live in the five towns the district serves will be available. Breakfast and lunch to-go meals

Ware closures

WARE — Among the closures and postponements in Ware are the temporary closure of Workshop13, and its sister organizations ClayWorks and ArtWorks.

“Our highest priority is the health and well being of our patrons, artists, volunteers, staff, and members. In conformance with public health recommendations, and the increasing threat of COVID-19, Workshop13, ClayWorks, and ArtWorks will close until further notice,” said Executive Director Marie Lauderdale in an email blast. “When this crisis pass-

es — and it will pass — you can look forward to a great line-up of classes, meet-ups, and events! Stay tuned for updates. Thank you for your continued support of Workshop13.” The well-loved Bunny Breakfast and Easter Hunt at St. Mary’s, scheduled for April, has been canceled for this year, although the church hopes to offer it again next year.

Also the Bridal Fair at Dioguardi’s Jewelers on Main Street in Ware for this Saturday has been postponed until a later date when it is deemed safe to hold it.

Dog licensing deadline extended to May 1

WARE — Dog licenses are due yearly under state regulations MGL Chapter 140, Section 137. All dogs six months or older must be licensed.

Ware has established that all dog licenses must be purchased prior to April 1 of any year. This year due to the Town Hall being closed to public access as of Wednesday, March 18, until further notice, the licensing time has been extended to May 1, there will be no late fee assessed.

Fees for dog licenses remain the same \$8 for neutered or spayed Dogs and \$10 for males and females.

Proof of the animal’s rabies vaccination must be provided at the time of licensing for each dog as well as neutering/spaying, unless the dog has been licensed previously and the rabies vaccination is current and on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

Dog licenses must be pur-

chased by mail until further notice as the Town Hall will be closed to the public (due to COVID-19) effective Wednesday, March 18, until further notice, include a check payable to the Town of Ware for the appropriate fee, a self-addressed postage paid envelope and the rabies vaccination certificate for each dog addressed to Town Clerk, 126 Main St., Suite F, Ware, MA, 01082.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 413-967-9648, ext. 177.

A silver drop box is also available for customers at the lower level offices of the Town Hall. Put the rabies vaccination certificate, a check made payable to the Town of Ware for the appropriate fee and a self-addressed postage paid envelope inside an envelope addressed to Town Clerk RE: Dog Licensing.

RMV re-opening seven locations on March 18

Prioritizing required in-person transactions

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles is announcing that on Wednesday, March 18, it will reopen seven of its 30 customer service center locations, while asking that customers who do not have immediate needs for required in-person services delay their visits. The RMV facilities that are being reopened prioritize regional availability, accessibility and facility size and capacity. To assist with “social-distancing” and reducing facility volume, customers are asked to not bring multiple individuals with them. Meanwhile, AAA locations will continue to offer select RMV services to AAA members and road tests will be suspended indefinitely.

These steps are being taken following Gov. Charlie Baker’s declaration of a state of emergency the week of March 9, to complement the work that has been underway for weeks across state government to keep residents safe and healthy.

“While we are re-opening seven Registry of Motor Vehicles Service Centers to address the needs of residents and business customers, we strongly encourage those who can, to conduct their business online, by phone, by mail or to postpone a visit to the RMV and take advantage of

the extension of expiration dates for licenses,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. “Customers should expect longer waits as we will need to limit any crowding in the centers to comply with social distancing protocols. We will be limiting the number of people allowed inside service centers and once those limits are reached, customers will have to either leave and come back or wait outside until it is possible to let them in while still maintaining social distancing.”

“The RMV is trying to offer necessary in-person transactions while striking a balance between protecting the health and safety of the public,” said Acting Registrar Jamey Tesler. “Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, in-person transactions will be conducted in keeping with guidelines from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Commonwealth’s COVID-19 Response Command Center.”

Only the following seven RMV centers will be open effective March 18 until further notice: Boston/Haymarket, Brockton, Fall River, Lawrence, Pittsfield, Plymouth, and Worcester. Hearings will be conducted at Boston/Haymarket, Brockton, Fall River, Lawrence, and Worcester. Hearings at the Pittsfield RMV occur weekly on Wednesdays and are scheduled to resume on March 25. No hearings

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EDITORIAL

Give up your tribe for Lent

This is the time of year when churches talk about what Jesus Christ gave up — his life — to benefit humanity. What will you give up?

For traditional Christians, Ash Wednesday was the start of Lent, a 40-day period of prayer, self-examination and self-denial leading up to commemorations of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

As part of their observance, many Christians choose something to “give up” during Lent — usually something material, and often something that’s unhealthy anyway, such as candy or alcohol or tobacco. Foregoing a favorite indulgence can be difficult and cutting out a vice can improve one’s health, but in the wider array of personal behaviors one can give up, there are harder habits to break, and greater improvements to be found.

Rather than — or in addition to — boosting one person’s wellbeing, why not make a sacrifice that will contribute to the health of our society, our democracy and our future?

Give up your tribe. America has made remarkable progress tearing down the old distinctions that divided us. Distrust and prejudice among genders, races, economic classes, religions and geographic regions is less of a factor now than at any time in our nation’s history. That’s not to say these prejudices have been eliminated, nor to suggest that we shouldn’t continue to fight them now or in the future. But we’ve made remarkable progress.

One form of prejudice and intolerance is sharply on the rise, however, and it threatens the core of our community. Even as our physical communities have become more integrated, the anonymity of the Internet and the fragmentation of media have led to an intellectual segregation — a self-sorting of Americans into virtual tribes of like-thinking individuals, choosing to associate mainly with those who hold similar political and cultural opinions, and — this is the worst part — increasingly intolerant of those who disagree.

Mainstream Democrats speak of mainstream Republicans (and vice versa) as not merely misguided, but evil. Republicans seek to destroy Democrats (and vice versa), rather than trying to convince them. The extremes of both parties look on their moderate wings not as allies but as dangerous traitors. Politics has become not a debate but a war. We try to win battles instead of understanding each other; fighting before we compromise.

This primitive tribal behavior is killing our democracy. Give it up.

This Lent — or this political season, if you prefer — give up the satisfying self-righteousness of the tribal warrior. Listen to a rival’s opinion rather than just waiting for an opening for an ad-hominem attack. Try to convert an opponent instead of defeating him or her. Be open to a new perspective and acknowledge every time that we are all Americans first and that the incredible diversity nationwide results in a bewildering diversity of experience and opinion throughout the United States of America. For that matter, we are all humans — and none of us is closer to the divine, or closer to perfection, than any other.

The man who made the first Lenten sacrifice, 2,000 years ago, also wanted his followers to give up their tribes, to see the humanity in their enemies, to treat others with equal respect and charity.

Not everyone believes in his story or worships at his church but the message of kindness and empathy doesn’t require a particular god or catechism. It can be found in religions, philosophies and ethical systems from cultures all around the world.

Truth and righteousness are not the sole possessions of any political party. Give up the tribes. Return to a true community — our city, our nation, our planet.

Pre-start cannas now!

I was trying to think up a good indoor gardening project that the girls could help me with over their unexpected break from school. How about pre-starting some canna rhizomes? I have a few overwintering in the mudroom and if I start the now they’ll be good-sized by May. Read on.

Cannas are gorgeous plants for the summer border. Their large, paddle-shaped leaves and fist-sized clusters of vivid-toned flowers add an exotic touch to beds and container plantings. Sometimes, however, a gardener’s initial experience with this tender bulb leads to disappointment rather than delight. The plant may take most of the season to reach its mature height and come into flower, only to be struck down by frost a few weeks later. Why not give your cannas a head start? By potting them up now you will get blooms earlier in the season and be able to enjoy wonderful tropical foliage for a longer period.

If you are shopping for canna rhizomes for the first time, you will no doubt find a better selection through mail order nurseries than the local garden center. Standard varieties can grow upwards of six feet tall, whereas dwarf cultivars top off at two or three feet. Choose carefully! All will do best if planted in full sun and fertile soil. Some cannas even make great

water specimens. When you place your order, mention to the operator that you’d like your bulbs as soon as it is safe enough for them to be sent in the mail without risk of freezing, otherwise you will likely receive them close to Memorial Day, which is too late for indoor planting.

When your package arrives, unpack it immediately. Canna rhizomes will come in small plastic bags filled with peat moss. At the very least, they should be about the size of your thumb; sometimes they are even double that in width. They ought to be firm, not at all soft. To pot them up, choose a container that is a couple of inches bigger than the rhizome when it is laid out horizontally; one six to eight inches in diameter is usually ideal. Fill the pot about half way with a good quality moistened potting soil. Lay the rhizome on top with leaf buds pointing up. Any hairy roots, new or old can fall to the side. Cover with two inches of soil. If your finished product reaches the rim, reposition so that you have at least an inch deep “basin” on top to make watering well easier. Place the pots in a warm location and continue to water as needed. When the first sprouts appear, move the canna plants to a sunny window or place under grow lights. By mid-May you can start to harden the plants off outdoors by gradu-

ally exposing them to bright sun, wind and fluctuating temps. After a week to 10 days of acclimatization, and if there are no frosts in the forecast, cannas can be removed from their pots and planted in their permanent summer location. A shovelful of compost in the planting hole along with supplemental fertilizer every couple of weeks will result in big, floriferous plants fast!

Be sure to save your cannas from year to year; it’s easy and makes great sense money-wise. I have had the same ‘Wyoming’ cannas going for well over a decade now. After a light frost, dig up the plants and let them dry briefly. Then, cut the foliage away from the rhizomes and store them at 50 degrees in boxes or tubs filled with peat moss. As mentioned, my mudroom is the perfect spot in my house. I am sure there is a place in yours too. After the second season you will have enough divisions to share with family and friends; much to their delight.

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

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GUEST COLUMN

What Congress represents

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

In one of the US Capitol hallways that House members pass through regularly to get to the chambers, there’s an inscription of a comment by Alexander Hamilton. It comes from his 1788 remarks to the New York convention on ratifying the Constitution, and reads simply, “Here, Sir, the people govern.”

I’ve always thought that was a pretty good summation of what Congress represents: it is a repository of the thoughts and will of the American people. And my impression is that a lot of Americans think highly of that idea, too. I’ve held a lot of public meetings over the years, and even in recent times, when Congress’s public standing has been low, people often speak approvingly of the history of the institution itself; they’re disappointed in how Congress performs, not in its role within our system. In all that time, I can’t ever remember anyone saying we’d be better off without it.

My experience in the House bore that belief out. Though there were always flaws, the process the House followed was focused on deliberation, debate, discussion... and then choosing a solution based more often than not on a rough consensus of its members. Even if I didn’t agree with the results, I’d often listen to the debates and think, “I like the way this institution works.”

I still remember the time that Wilbur Mills, the powerful chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, came before the Democratic caucus to talk about the upcoming vote on establishing Medicare. I was a new, young representative, and when Mills told us that we easily had enough votes to ram the measure through over Republican objections, I and many others thought we should do exactly that. Mills, however, did not. He asked us to give him an opportunity to negotiate with Republicans and find ground that both sides could agree on, so that the bill could win support on both sides of the aisle. And that is exactly what he did.

Mills knew something that often gets forgotten these days, which is that the more broadly a piece of legislation reflects the



American people, the greater its acceptability, effectiveness and staying power. If you’re in Congress, you’re reminded pretty much every day that giving a say to this diverse country is a choice. The body is made up of members who fiercely advocate for their views through speeches, contacts of all kinds and descriptions, public appearances, and trying to win the media over to their side. And the whole institution is a focal point for competing interests weighing in on difficult problems. It is a real cauldron.

All of these beliefs are represented in the Congress, and the legislative process is a key part of how the country works through that cacophony of competing interests. Debate, deliberation, calculation, compromise — it’s an inefficient process that, for difficult issues, can go on for a long time. But over the course of our history, it’s been reasonably productive.

This is why those of us who value the institution of the Congress — who actually believe in Hamilton’s words — have lamented the trend of recent decades ceding power to the presidency. The Constitution is explicit: legislative power is vested in Congress. But if that power is not protected or goes unused,

it does not merely evaporate; in our system, it flows to the presidency or the judiciary. And in doing so, it passes out of the hands of the body that most closely represents the American people.

When President Trump talks of the presidency as if there were no check on it, as if, as president, he is beyond the reach of the law or of Congress, members of Congress on both sides of the aisle rightly disagree. Sometimes they serve effectively as a check, sometimes not. Sometimes partisanship gets the better of them. But for better or worse, Congress remains the spot where the cross-currents of American popular opinion have their best chance of being heard, listened to and acted upon. That’s one power members should never give up.

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Social distancing: Most important tool in stopping spread of COVID-19

SPRINGFIELD — Federal health officials are concerned that Americans are not listening to the warning when it comes to “social distancing” and preventing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

As of March 15, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recommended that for the next eight weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the country. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings and other types of assemblies.

“I can’t stress enough the importance of social distancing in our efforts to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19,” said Dr. Armando Paez, chief, infectious diseases, Baystate Medical Center.

What exactly is “social distancing?” Social distancing, the term often used by infectious disease and control specialists and public health officials, means staying away from other people, in other words, avoiding

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crowds, and maintaining a personal distance — approximately six feet — from others when possible.

It is the close contact between individuals, whether at home, at work, or out in the public that has resulted in the World Health Organization now referring to COVID-19 as a pandemic, said Dr. Paez.

“Maintaining a distance, especially from someone who is sick and is coughing and sneezing, is important because when that person coughs or sneezes, they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain the COVID-19 virus or any other virus. If you are too close to them, then you can breathe in the droplets and become infected. Equally

important is the fact that you could be infectious, yet have no symptoms, and spread the disease to others,” said Paez.

“We have now begun to see mass closings of amusement parks, bars and restaurants, movie theaters, religious services, schools, some stores and many other measures, including companies and organizations recommending employees work from home, all with the intent to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” he added.

According to the CDC, older people are twice as likely to have serious illness from the novel coronavirus and they are advising people over 60 with underlying health problems to “stay at home as much as possible.” That

means keeping a social distance by avoiding air travel, going to movie theaters, attending family events, and shopping at crowded malls, for example, which applies to everyone — not just seniors.

“What we know from researchers is that the fatality rate is likely to be higher among older adults. As we age, our immune system weakens in its ability to fight off viruses and infections. Also, chronic health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, pulmonary disease and others make it harder for their already weakened bodies to cope with the additional strain placed on them by COVID-19,” said Paez.

One powerful example of the importance of social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic is the Biogen meeting held in Boston, which became the epicenter of the Massachusetts outbreak as the virus spread at an alarming rate through the two-day conference. Yet an even more telling example back during the 1918 flu pandemic, as document-

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

About the dreaded 'IRMAA' provision

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: About a month or two ago I was notified that my Social Security was being reduced from \$1,583 a month to about \$1,283 a month, a \$300 deduction! They said it was because my income was over the limit on my last return. I filed my taxes "married - filing separately" because my wife has her own income. If we had filed jointly, I would not have had the reduction. My question is why wasn't this told to us when we filed our income tax last year instead of a last-minute thing? I am a 77-year old and a 100 percent disabled veteran, which probably has no effect on this, but wanted to add that information. Any light you can shed on the matter will be very much appreciated. Signed: Irritated Senior

Dear Irritated Senior: First, I want to thank you for your service to our country. Allow me to explain what I believe happened. Your net (not gross) Social Security benefit payment was probably reduced as a result of a rule known as "IRMAA" - the "Income Related Medicare Adjustment Amount." This is a supplement added to your Medicare Part B premium as

a result of higher income, and a higher Medicare premium would mean a lower net Social Security payment.

Although filing your taxes separate from your wife does mean a lower income reported to the IRS for you, it also reduces the clip levels at which the IRMAA rule kicks in. For those who file income tax as an individual, IRMAA applies if your "provisional" income from all sources, including IRA or 401(K) withdrawals and half of your Social Security benefits for the tax year, exceeds \$87,000.

For those who file taxes jointly as a married couple, IRMAA applies if your combined income is more than \$174,000. Incomes above those clip levels result in corresponding higher IRMAA premiums, up to a maximum of \$491.60 (for 2020). So apparently your income for your filing status exceeded one of the higher IRMAA clip levels, which resulted in your monthly Medicare Part B premium going from the standard \$144.60 to an IRMAA premium about \$300 higher. Note that if your income in a subsequent year falls below the IRMAA clip levels, your Medicare premium will also go down to the level appropriate for your more recent income level.

As far as why you weren't told

this in advance, neither Medicare nor the IRS (nor any other Government agency) will advise you in advance on such matters; the onus is upon you (and your tax preparer or financial advisor) to understand the implications of your income on your Medicare premium as well as your income tax obligation. You may want to speak to your tax advisor to see if there is a tax-filing option for eliminating the IRMAA. Once again, thank you for your service to our country, and I hope the above clarifies what happened to your Social Security benefit.

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SPRING'S NEW BEGINNINGS

WARE – Three young kids were bugging all the adult goats at Frohloff Farm on Church Street Monday. The farm is run by the East Quabbin Land Trust and includes an accessible trail, which is part of the Central Mass Rail Trail.



Curaleaf's Ware store also offers paraphernalia to use marijuana.

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ple across the United States, according to its website. In some locations it also sells medicinal marijuana.

Another customer, Jennifer Gilbert, who lives five minutes away, said she was excited to have the store so close to home. "This is a really good spot," she said.

Gilbert said she uses marijuana for anxiety, depression, help in sleeping and to cope with social anxiety. She broke both her legs, and has issues stemming from that accident. "It helps me get through my daily life," she said.

For Joe Bolandrina, who works at the company's Oxford location, it was an act of support for fellow employees like Aiesi and the other 19 people who will working in the Ware store. "I'm not just here to be a consumer, I'm here to support the people who work here," he said.

He has been an advocate for legalized marijuana since July 4, 1989, when he was serving in the U.S. Army, he said. "I never wanted to break the law, I wanted to change the law," he said.

The store only serves 20 people at a time, who have to sign in and out, and has two security guards on duty at all times. The Ware Police Department had an officer in a cruiser in the parking lot Saturday just in case there were traffic issues, which there did not seem to be as so many more marijuana stores have opened since the first few stores in



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Curaleaf's marketing employees came to Ware and photographed its skyline, then reproduced it artistically on one wall of the company's latest store.

the state drew big crowds.

There is also a vault where the products are stored, and only certain employees are allowed to access it.

Jonsson said the company chose Ware because it was looking for a location between Worcester and Springfield and Ware was about directly in between them. "We were looking for a location we felt was strategic," he said. "Somewhere in between Springfield and Worcester, which could attract people from people around those two cities."

He said they also wanted to locate in a town that wanted them. "Ware has been very welcoming and receptive to us," he said. "We were not going to locate in a town that didn't want us..



SelectBoard member Tracy Opalinski was the first customer in line last Saturday morning at Curaleaf, Ware's first recreational marijuana store.

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education administrative technology at plus 89.3 percent, instructional support at plus 0.8 percent and special education tuition at plus 7.4 percent for a total increase of \$1,300,720. The public may view the budget on the school website at www.qrsd.org or send any questions to budget@qrsd.org.

Quabbin School Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said she was not as "optimistic as last year." She said the district was "at a point where there was very

little to cut that would not impact students."

Coronavirus

The superintendent said the district stopped all outside trips – domestic and international, stopped use of schools for outside events and staff deep cleaned all buildings over the past weekend. She said school nurses established protocols for students showing symptoms of the coronavirus. She said, "Things are changing by the hour, even the minute."

At the Thursday, March 12 meeting, six school districts decided to close schools for varying time periods to do deep cleaning. They included Arlington, Bedford, Burlington, Everett, Lexington and Winchester. The next day the Quabbin Regional School District joined a long list of schools closed in the commonwealth.

Student Advisory Council

Emiline Riendeau and Nathan Legare gave the Student Advisory Council

report to the school committee. Legare said he was a member of the Quabbin Drama Club and Quabbin won awards for its one-act drama held at Westford Academy. Quabbin competed with seven other schools. Emiline said the girls and boys basketball teams had a good season. She said, "Students were a little concerned about coronavirus. In other business, the QRSD Committee voted to accept being a school choice district..

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Thursday, March 5
2:21 a.m. Parking Complaint Highland Street – Citation Issued
2:28 a.m. Parking Complaint Prospect Street – Citation Issued
5:27 a.m. Vandalism Old Belchertown Road – Investigation Pending
8 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
12:03 p.m. Investigation West Warren Road – Services Rendered
1:04 p.m. Arrest North Street – Arrest on Warrant
1:53 p.m. Ambulance Request Fisherdick Road – Services Rendered
5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
6:02 p.m. Disturbance West Street – Arrest, Felony Charge
7:59 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Referred to Other Agency
8:24 p.m. Ambulance Request Fisherdick Road – Referred to Other Agency
9:25 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Pleasant Street – Area Search Negative Find
11:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning

Friday, March 6
1:25 a.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered
2:51 a.m. Parking Complaint Monroe Street – Citation Issued
2:54 a.m. Parking Complaint South Street – Citation Issued
2:59 a.m. Parking Complaint Maple Avenue – Citation Issued
3:03 a.m. Parking Complaint Pine Street – Citation Issued
3:05 a.m. Parking Complaint Pine Street – Citation Issued
3:09 a.m. Parking Complaint Park Avenue – Citation Issued
5:29 a.m. Sudden Death Report Dugan Road – Services Rendered
12:42 p.m. Alarm Burglar Berkshire Drive – Services Rendered
12:42 p.m. Ambulance Request Elm Street – Services Rendered
12:43 p.m. Ambulance Request West Main Street – Services Rendered
2:27 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Street – Services Rendered
3:22 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered
4:20 p.m. Harassment Complaint West Street – Services Rendered
5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Palmer Road – Criminal Complaint Issued
11:03 p.m. Fire, Report Hillside Village – Services Rendered

Saturday, March 7
1:14 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency
3:09 a.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency

Warren Police Log

Sunday, March 8
11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Criminal Complaint Summons: Todd A. Brodeur, 46, Warren
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Inspection/Sticker, No
1:34 p.m. Larceny Main Street – Report Filed
6:57 p.m. Larceny Main Street – Investigated
8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Monday, March 9
12:33 a.m. Officer Wanted Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Tyler M. Modlish, 29, Southwick
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Destruction of Property +\$1,2000, Malicious c266 §127; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Trespass; Unregistered Motor Vehicle
10 a.m. Vandalism Boston Post Road – Investigated
7:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
7:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Tuesday, March 10
12:44 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued
2:02 p.m. Property Dispute Albany Street – Message Delivered
8:51 p.m. 911 – Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred

3:38 a.m. Ambulance Request Chestnut Street – Referred to Other Agency
7:03 a.m. Alarm Burglar Greenwich Road – Services Rendered
7:34 a.m. Parking Complaint Convent Hill Road – Citation Issued
9:38 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Pulaski Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
12:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
12:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued
4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Citation Issued
8:07 p.m. Trespassing Complaint West Main Street – Area Search Negative Find

Sunday, March 8
12:33 a.m. Vandalism West Street – Services Rendered
8:33 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
8:47 a.m. Vandalism West Street – Services Rendered
11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Written Warning
1 p.m. Ambulance Request Doane Road – Referred to Other Agency
1:03 p.m. Fire, Report Ware Road – Services Rendered
2 p.m. Fire, Report Coffey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency
2:46 p.m. Ambulance Request Clifford Avenue – Services Rendered
2:48 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Old Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered
3:52 p.m. Harassment Complaint Walker Road – Services Rendered
4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Citation Issued
4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
6:50 p.m. Missing Person North Street – Services Rendered
7 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Milner Street – Criminal Complaint Issued
9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Citation Issued

Monday, March 9
4:46 a.m. Ambulance Request Dale Street – Referred to Other Agency
6:15 a.m. Silent, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered
10:15 a.m. Fire, Report South Street – Services Rendered
10:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
12:01 p.m. Vandalism Pulaski Street – Services Rendered

12:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning
12:22 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
3:34 p.m. Fire, Report Osborne Road – Services Rendered
6:39 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
7:08 p.m. Fire, Report West Main Street – Services Rendered
7:35 p.m. Investigation North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
9:58 p.m. Ambulance Request Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, March 10
1 a.m. Ambulance Request Mountain View Drive – Referred to Other Agency
1:40 a.m. Traffic Hazard Palmer Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
6:40 a.m. Ambulance Request Wildflower Drive – Referred to Other Agency
10:32 a.m. Stolen Vehicle Report Osborne Road – Services Rendered
12:27 p.m. Fire, Report Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
1:55 p.m. Stolen Vehicle Report Osborne Road – Services Rendered
3:02 p.m. Alarm Burglar Mechanic Street – Services Rendered
5:48 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Main Street – Services Rendered
6:26 p.m. Loitering Main Street – Verbal Warning Issued
6:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation South Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
6:56 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, March 11
1:04 a.m. Alarm Burglar Church Street – Services Rendered
9:57 a.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered
10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning
3:50 p.m. Fraud Berkshire Circle – Services Rendered
6:40 p.m. Harassment Complaint Sygiel Road – Advised Civil Action
7:05 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Referred to Other Agency
11:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued
11:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning

Thursday, March 12
7:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
8:23 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Old Belchertown Road – Area Search Negative Find

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1:38 p.m. Drugs Paraphernalia Brimfield Road – Removed Hazard
3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Main Street – Written Warning
6:16 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Yankee Drummer Drive – Transported to Hospital

Sunday, March 15
12:29 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Yankee Drummer Drive – Transported to Hospital
7:06 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Brimfield Road – Transported to Hospital
12:51 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Chapel Street – Transported to Hospital

Fire officials ask public's to help prevent brush fires

REGION – State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said, “Early spring is typically the time when firefighters are busy fighting brush fires. As the season changes, the winds can be strong and unpredictable. Please conduct open burning safely and watch the wind. Have a permit and to be ready to shut it down quickly if the weather changes.”

April worst month

Historically April is the worst month for brush fires. Many people rush to conduct open burning before the season ends on May 1 and may burn too much at once. Spring is typically a windy time of the year as the weather pattern changes. The snow pack has melted, but the ground is only just starting to green up and there is plenty of dry vegetation and leaves from last year to serve as tinder. Dry, hot and windy conditions make it perfect for brush fires to start and to get out of control, and hard for firefighters to bring them under control.

Don't delay

If the fire should get out of control, call the fire department immediately. “Winds can fan the flames and fire can spread faster than a person can run,” said Ostroskey. “Use the utmost caution to prevent injury and damage to your own and your neighbor’s property,” he added.
Low Number of 2019 Brush Fires Not Likely to be Repeated
“Due to the wet spring, 2019 had the second lowest number of brush fires on record; we are not likely to be so lucky in 2020,” said Ostroskey. “The spring brush fire season has already started.” The five-year average number of brush fires (2015-2019) is 5,065. In 2019, there were only 2,705 brush fires in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System collects data on grass fires, brush fires, wildland fires, woods fires and other outside natural vegetation fires and we refer to them as “brush fires.”

Taxing departments

Brush fires are labor intensive and take a long time to bring under control. Multiple brush fires can severely tax a community’s firefighting resources. Prevention is the best approach.

Burn safely

Open burning that has gotten out of control is the cause of many

brush fires. Open burning season, in communities where it is allowed, ends on May 1. A permit is required from the local fire warden, usually the local fire chief. Burning can only take place when both air quality and fire conditions are acceptable. “Weather conditions change rapidly, so watch the wind and be prepared to extinguish your brush pile. A sudden wind change is how most open burning fires get out of control,” said Ostroskey.

Open burning is prohibited at all times in these communities: Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Watertown, West Springfield, Worcester.

State fire wardens determine each day whether conditions are safe for open burning. Weather and air quality can change rapidly, especially in the spring, and fire departments can rescind permits when that happens. Follow local procedures for using the permit on any given day.

How to Safely Burn Brush

- Burn between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with a permit from the fire warden (usually the fire chief).
- Burn only when air quality is acceptable for burning. Local authorities will call the MassDEP Air Quality Hotline at 800-882-1497 or visit MassAir Online to find out if it is.
- Burn only on your own property as close as possible to the source of material to be burned, no less than 75 feet away from all dwellings and away from utility lines.
- Have fire suppression tools handy; keep a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose, and a shovel and a rake close by.
- An adult must constantly monitor the fire. Leaving burning unattended is a reason to revoke burning permits.
- Use paper and kindling to start a fire and progressively add larger pieces of wood. Parts of a leftover Christmas tree may also be used.
- Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. The risk of injury in these cases is too high.
- Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control.
- Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, and then drown them again. Completely extinguish the fire before leaving.

Baystate Hospitals add further measures to visitor policy

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health has announced an additional measure to its recently announced change in visitor policy as it continues to take preemptive measures to protect the health and safety of its patients, the community and its healthcare workers.

As part of the revised policy, one visitor per patient is allowed at a time and, now, no one other than that one visitor can enter the building. If you are a visitor experiencing symptoms of fever and/or cough, please don't visit.

The policy is in effect at all Baystate Health hospitals, including Baystate Medical Center and Baystate Children’s Hospital in Springfield, Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer, Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, and Baystate Noble Hospital in Westfield. Additionally, for Baystate Children’s Hospital, no visitors are allowed under the age of 12.

Worcester Public Library announces closing

WORCESTER — Out of an abundance of caution the Worcester Public Library has made the difficult decision to temporarily close all library locations as of March 16, until further notice.
All library materials currently checked out will be automatically renewed. All late fees will be suspended. Holds will also be suspended. Please note, this change may not be reflected immediately in library accounts. Please feel free to keep materials during this time. If people have items they would like to return, please use book drops at the Main Library and Frances Perkins

Branch locations at any time.
Staff will be answering the phones and helping patrons during normal business hours Monday through Saturday at the Main Library, and Monday through Friday at the Frances Perkins Branch.
The WPL is working to increase awareness of their vast array of online resources including their Ask a Librarian service, e-resources such as eBooks and eAudiobooks, research databases and much more. To learn more, people may visit: mywpl.org/article/library-resources-you-can-access-home.

People urged to donate blood amid coronavirus concerns

REGION – The American Red Cross strongly urges healthy, eligible individuals who are feeling well to give blood or platelets to help maintain a sufficient blood supply and prevent shortages as concerns about the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, rise in the U.S.

Cold and flu season has already impacted the nation’s ability to maintain its blood supply. As the number of coronavirus cases grows in the U.S., the number of people eligible to give blood for patients in need could decrease further.

Please make an appointment to donate blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Blood donors with type O blood and all platelet donors are especially needed right now.

Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood. There are no data or evidence that this coronavirus can be transmissible by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases worldwide of transmissions for any respiratory virus, including this coronavirus, from a transfusion. Nonetheless, the Red Cross has implemented new blood donation deferrals out of an abundance of caution. Individuals are asked to postpone their donation for 28 days following: Travel to China and its special administrative regions, Hong Kong and Macau, as well as Iran, Italy and South Korea; diagnosis of COVID-19, contact with a person who has or is suspected to have the virus.

As the situation evolves, the Red Cross will continue to evaluate all emerging risks in collaboration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and industry partners to determine if additional intervention strategies are needed. Together, they stand ready to keep the American public informed and prepared.

Blood donation process

The Red Cross only collects blood from individuals who are healthy and feeling well at the time of donation – and who meet other eligibility requirements, available at RedCrossBlood.org.

At each blood drive and donation center, Red Cross employees follow thorough safety protocols including wearing gloves, routinely wiping down donor-touched areas, using sterile collection sets for every donation, and preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub. These mitigation measures will help ensure blood recipient safety, as well as staff and donor safety in reducing contact with those who may potentially have this respiratory infection.

A blood donation takes about an hour from start to finish, but the actual donation itself only takes about 8-10 minutes. Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Legislators lead effort to waive cost sharing associated with coronavirus testing

BOSTON — In a letter circulated among colleagues, Sen. Eric P. Lesser (D-Longmeadow), Sen. Joanne M. Comerford (D-Northampton), 60 other legislators called on Gov. Charlie Baker to immediately follow in the footsteps of New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo in requiring Massachusetts health insurers to waive cost sharing with testing for the new coronavirus disease, COVID-19, including emergency room, urgent care and office visits.

“With more than 250 residents already in quarantine, Massachusetts must take every precaution necessary to slow the spread of coronavirus,” said Lesser. “We are in the midst of a public health emergency, and our Commonwealth cannot allow insurance bills or costly deductibles to get in the way of essential testing necessary to stop the spread of this virus. Massachusetts must follow the lead of other states and waive insurance fees for coronavirus testing.”

“As the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health, I have an obligation to do everything I can from a legislative perspective to protect the health of our people,” said Comerford. “The situation with COVID-19 is fluid and the Commonwealth’s responses are connected, in part, to the federal government’s guidance and resources. However there are some steps the Commonwealth can take right now to make screening and treatment easier for our constituents, and I am pleased to join with my colleagues in calling on the Governor to take an important step in this direction by waiving these cost sharing requirements.”

The letter also calls for Baker to outline a series of actions that Massachusetts health insurers are advised to take that will directly address the potential impacts of COVID-19, including keeping Massachusetts residents informed regarding available benefits and responding to consumer inquiries; offering, where possible, telehealth medical advice and treatment; mitigating the harmful impacts of surprise billing; and preparing insurers to cover the costs if a COVID-19 immunization should become available.

SOCIAL DISTANCING from page 4

ed in Smithsonian Magazine, is when Philadelphia went ahead with a scheduled World War I parade in September of that year. There were 200,000 people lining city streets and within three days, the inevitable happened, every hospital bed in the city’s 31 hospitals was occupied with a flu patient.

You might even want to keep a social distance from your doctor’s office, noted Dr. Paez.

“If you are going to see your doctor for a routine checkup, you might want to check with the office first. They might suggest a later date when the virus is under control, unless your doctor is seeing you for an ongoing condition and needs to see you in person, or you have developed concerning symptoms that might require a visit to the office,” said Paez.

Social distancing also means reconsidering how we greet one another in social situations.

“The handshake is out, at least for now. Many people over the years have already become more accustomed to saying, ‘I’m not shaking hands because I have a cold.’ But, we have to take that one step further and not shake anyone’s hand, even if you’re healthy. Handshaking results in transferring viruses and bacteria from one person to another, and that means the new coronavirus,” said Paez.

What to do instead? Give a bow, wave, do the elbow bump. People will understand.

“We all need to do our part to help prevent the spread of this deadly virus. The time to take action is now before it is too late, when as a country many are only now coming to the realization that social distancing is the only way to stop the community spread of coronavirus COVID-19,” said Paez.

For more information, visit baystatehealth.org/covid19.

RMV from page 3

will be conducted in Plymouth.

Road tests for permit holders are postponed at all locations through at least Friday, March 20. Road testing will resume only after cleaning, personal protective equipment and social distancing protocols have been put in place to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission for permit holders, road test examiners and others who accompany permit holders for their tests. Because the Governor’s executive order provides that Learner’s Permits dated between March 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020 will continue to have an active status until 60 days after the printed expiration date.

Earlier this week, the RMV began helping residents with ‘social-distancing’ by reducing the need for some customers to physically come into a service center for certain transactions. As of March 16, the RMV implemented a 60-day extension: residents with Class D and Class DM driver’s licenses, ID cards, and Learner’s Permits that have an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020, will have a 60-day extension applied to that customer’s credential.

“This deadline extension does not apply to customers with Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDLs) or those whose end of stay in the United States is the same as the expiration date on their driver’s license, ID card, or Learner’s Permit.

Customers eligible for this extension should wait to visit an RMV Service Center or AAA office (if a member of AAA), to renew until after the State of Emergency is over.

The RMV has taken other steps to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In keeping with recommendations from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the RMV has adopted enhanced cleaning practices for facilities, purchased additional automatic hand sanitizer dispensing stations, issued anti-viral disinfectant wipes and individual size hand sanitizers to certain employees, and expanded areas to be disinfected.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, the RMV has continued with safety-critical “back office” functions, even as all Registry customer service locations closed on March 16 and 17. The critical work of ensuring license discipline continues, including the processing of both in-state and out-of-state convictions and mail.

More than 40 Registry transactions may be conducted online at www.mass.gov/rmv.

Sean M. Madigan, 56

WARE — Sean M. Madigan, 56, of Ware, died on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

He leaves his mother, Patricia J. (McCarthy) Madigan, of Ware; his father, Robert E. Madigan, of Ware; two brothers, Brian P. Madigan and his partner, Vicki Kolenda, of New Hampshire, and Kevin B. Madigan and his partner, Brenda Cleveland, of Hardwick; his sister, Shannon Madigan, of Warren, and his nieces and nephews, Emily, Brian B., Leigha, and Alicia Madigan.

He was born in Ware, and was a lifelong resident. Sean loved his town and contributed a great deal to his community.

Sean was always a leader. He was All Western Mass in football, baseball and basketball. He

was also a long-time member of the Ware Athletic Club in Ware. Sean went on to join the Laborers Union, Local 596, of Holyoke. He worked as a union construction worker for 33 years on many high-profile projects.

Sean was also a highly successful local businessman, owning the laundromats on both West Main Street and West Street.

He loved his family more than anything, spending time with them was the most important thing to him. Sean was known for his leadership, kindness and humor. He will be greatly missed



by all who knew him.

A private, by invitation only, graveside service for Sean will be held in the New St. William Cemetery. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers,

memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104 or by visiting shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Death notice

Madigan, Sean M.
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Funeral services will be private

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Nonprofit offers COVID-19 advice for pet owners

Second Chance
postpones annual
dinner auction

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services offered thoughts and sympathies to those affected by COVID-19 as it announced the postponement of the 21st annual dinner auction originally scheduled for March 28. The major fundraiser, which provides critical funding for all programs, has been rescheduled for May 9, at Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, but the nonprofit is concentrating on keeping the community safe.

CEO Sheryl Blancato said “Second Chance continues to monitor the situation closely with local, state and federal officials in order to best protect our community and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We made the difficult decision to postpone and cancel several events. Upcoming vaccine clinics in East Longmeadow, Southbridge, Fitchburg and Auburn have all been postponed or canceled.”

“We will be working to reschedule vaccine clinics as soon as possible. Our veterinary hospitals and adoption center remain open to serve the needs of pets and pet owners,” she said. “We have increased the frequency of the rigorous routine cleaning schedule we employ to keep pets and people in our facilities healthy. We do remind all visitors to follow the CDC’s recommendations of cleaning your hands often, avoid close contact, cover coughs and sneezes and stay home if you are sick.”

Second Chance Medical Director, Dr. Amy Alwood, DVM DACVECC, also offered important advice for all pet owners in light of



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Second Chance Animal Services postponed its annual dinner auction to May 9, in light of concerns about COVID-19. The money is used to take care of and find adoption for a wide range of animals, including ones like Rocco, who has special needs.

the COVID-19 pandemic. “There is currently no evidence that domestic animals can develop disease from the COVID-19 virus or, if infected, transmit it to other animals or people.

Nonetheless, we would like to offer some precautions that we and other veterinary professionals recommend pet families keep in mind as the situation with COVID-19 continues to develop:

Remember to keep your pets needs in mind when implementing your emergency preparedness plan. The American Veterinary Medical Association recommends

“animal owners should continue to include pets and other animals in their emergency preparedness planning, including keeping a two-week supply of food and medications on hand.”

Take this opportunity to remind your family that while we all love snuggling with our pets, practicing good hygiene is important. Even though we have no evidence that our pets can carry and transmit COVID-19, there are other diseases that can be passed from domestic animals to humans. Wash your hands after petting, playing or interacting with your pet.

While there is no clear evidence that pets are able to transmit the COVID-19 virus, the CDC recommends that people sick with the virus or COVID-like symptoms avoid caring for their pets if possible. If you must care for your pet, limit contact and wash your hands both before and after pet interactions in an attempt to limit exposure for your pet.

In an abundance of caution, if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, please alert your veterinarian before having your pet seen for any health concerns. If it is possible your pet is contaminated with coronavirus; we don’t yet know whether veterinary hospital staff could be exposed to the COVID-19 virus when working with pets that had contact with exposed owners. It is best to discuss by phone how your veterinarian can best assist you and your pet while still protecting the staff in the event that your animal needs immediate medical attention.

If you have already purchased a ticket to the dinner auction, our staff will be reaching out via email to ensure you have the new date. Tickets are still available for those interested in supporting the nonprofit’s programs helping pets in need in Massachusetts and beyond. Visit www.secondchanceanimals.org for more information.

Second Chance is a nonprofit organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield, and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry.

\$10 Million Small Business Recovery Loan Fund announced

Small businesses
impacted by
COVID-19 can
access funds

BOSTON –The Baker-Polito Administration announced economic support for small businesses with a \$10 million loan fund to provide financial relief to those that have been affected by COVID-19.

The \$10 million Small Business Recovery Loan Fund will provide emergency capital up to \$75,000 to Massachusetts-based businesses impacted by COVID-19 with under 50 full and part-time employees, including nonprofits. Loans are immediately available to eligible businesses with no payments due for the first six months. Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation has capitalized the fund and will administer it.

“As our administration continues to take steps to protect the health and safety of residents, we recognize the hardships facing the small businesses that create the foundation of the state’s economy,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “This recovery loan fund is a new resource to help small businesses address emergency needs due to the disruption caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Small business owners and their employees are our neighbors and our friends, and their enterprises play vital roles in our communities, and we are committed to helping them cope with the impacts of COVID-19,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “As we announce this small business recovery loan fund, we will continue to work with the Legislature and our federal partners to find ways to effectively provide assistance during this public health emergency.”

“Our office remains in regular contact with the state’s business community to provide updates and receive feedback as the administration continues to expand its comprehensive COVID-19 response,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “These new recovery loans complement other resources like the state WorkShare

program and federal Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, as well as legislative efforts by the administration to support impacted workers.”

“MGCC is committed to helping support the commonwealth’s small businesses through this time,” said Lawrence Andrews, President and CEO of MGCC. “We are proud to offer this fund as it serves our mission to save jobs and promote economic development. All processing and funding will take place online through MGCC staff.”

How to apply: Please complete the application found on MGCC’s website, EmpoweringSmallBusiness.org. Completed applications can be sent via email to mgcc@massgcc.com with the subject line “2020 Small Business Recovery Loan Fund.” MGCC can be reached by email at mgcc@massgcc.com.

Loan fund details: Who qualifies: Open to Massachusetts-based businesses impacted by COVID-19 with under 50 full- and part-time employees, including nonprofits (negative impact must be verifiable).

Terms and conditions: This fund is being offered with no payments due for the first six months, then 30-months of principal and interest payments and no prepayment penalties.

Businesses can apply for loans up to \$75,000.

MGCC is a quasi-public corporation of the Commonwealth that saves and creates jobs at small businesses, often minority and women-owned businesses, by providing financial services and managerial assistance. It also promotes economic development throughout the state, focusing on Gateway cities and low to moderate-income communities.

MGCC works with traditional financial institutions to make challenging loans bankable, working with community development corporations and other nonprofits to provide financing for job-producing projects, and assisting a wide range of small businesses to find the growth capital they require. Since 2010, MGCC has served over 7,400 small businesses, and positively impacted more than 19,200 jobs, with customized working capital financing commitments totaling over \$122,000,000.

For more information, visit EmpoweringSmallBusiness.org.

Massachusetts casinos now closed

WORCESTER – The Massachusetts Gaming Commission voted unanimously to temporarily suspend operation at the state’s three casino properties, including Encore Boston Harbor, MGM Springfield and Plainridge Park Casino.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the decision was made in collaboration and cooperation

with their licensees to safeguard the health and well-being of casino guests, employees and regulators. This decision will be re-assessed in two weeks, while an orderly shutdown process was completed as of Sunday, March 15.

People are encouraged to visit massgaming.com/COVID19 for the latest information.

NBHS Class of 1960 reunion

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield High School Class of 1960 reunion will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 308 Lakeside (formerly the Lashaway Inn), in East

Brookfield. Those interested in going are asked to sign up by May 1. To sign up, contact Tim Parker at RiterTim@gmail.com or call him at 413-967-3343.

‘Spring Fling’ craft fair canceled

WEST BROOKFIELD — The “Spring Fling” craft fair will be

held at the George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main St., on April 4, has been canceled due to COVID-19 concerns and the order that public events must be restricted to 25 people.



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Ware girls fall in semifinals at Cage

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

AMHERST— The Ware High School Lady Indians season came to an end in the Western Massachusetts Division 4 semifinal game for the third year in a row.

The third-seeded Lenox Millionaires advanced into the Western Mass. finals for the first time since 2012 by squeaking out a 59-54 victory over the second-seeded Lady Indians at the historic Curry Hicks Cage on March 2.

“We really wanted to get beyond the semifinal game this year,” said Ware junior guard Aidyn Welsh, who scored a team-high 17 points in the loss to Lenox. “We worked very hard at practice, but things just don’t go our way in tonight’s game.”

Lenox and Ware also faced each other in the postseason tournament last year.

The Lady Indians pulled out a 35-33 win quarterfinal home game on a last second 3-pointer by Welsh.

“When we played Lenox in the quarterfinals at home last year, we left the court happy. This year, they’re leaving happy and we’re upset,” said Dan Orszulak, who has won a total of 51 games in his three seasons as the Lady Indians varsity basketball coach. “I thought we competed very hard in tonight’s game, but we just didn’t make enough plays at the end. We’re not losing any players to graduation and we’re really hoping to get back here again next year.”

Welsh, who joined the varsity basketball team as a fresh-

man, made four of her team’s five 3-pointers in the semifinal game. Junior center Audrey LaValley scored eight of her 12 points during the fourth quarter and junior guard Olivia Vadnais was the other Ware player to reach double figures with 11 points.

The other three Lady Indians juniors are Chelsea Orszulak (3 points), who’s a forward, Lexie Orszulak (5 points), who’s a forward, and Amelia Bonnayer (6 points), who’s a guard.

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Olivia Vadnais makes her way down the court for the Indians.

Photos by Lisa Thomas-DuFresne

LEFT: Chelsea Orszulak looks back to make a pass.

Sports world crippled by coronavirus

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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It feels like to some, the sports world has been literally the “most” affected by the spread of the coronavirus.

Changes are happening every day related to the virus so much in fact that our weekly papers had a very tough time keeping up with them last week.

Now, the changes have started to slow down, because here in Western Massachusetts, there is not much more that can be done to bring the world to a crawl.

Even before many schools made the decision at the end of last week to close their doors for two weeks, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association closed down the conclusion of the state tournament, shut fans out, and delayed the start of the spring sports season by at least two weeks.

But is delaying spring sports by two weeks really a new concept in Massachusetts? Absolutely not. Excessive March snow and cold temperatures slowing the melting process has delayed baseball and softball seasons for between one and two weeks for the last few years.

Last year, the regular season was extended by a week to accommodate the poor weather for the springtime and give schools a chance to play all their regular season games.

The only disappointing part for many athletes, is that it appeared for a while we had an early spring coming with baseball and softball fields already drained, and the grass lacrosse fields just about

fit for play on the actual days teams are supposed to open in late March.

But like Major League Baseball, which delayed the start of its season, the start of the spring sports season cannot go on.

The MIAA has also mandated that coaches are not able to have anything to do with their teams, much like the current rules that exist during sport offseasons. That means, with two weeks off from school and no coaching guidance, and then add in almost no facilities to use, athletes will be on their own to stay in shape and be ready to go if the MIAA allows spring practices to begin on March 30.

But that is not the only piece of the sports world that is affected. So many youth organizations and parks departments have also been forced to stop practices and seasons and tournaments due to concern for the coronavirus.

During the past week, the 36th iteration of the Szlats Memorial Tournament was just halted after only two days of competition by the tournament committee because Chicopee Public Schools had to shut down their facilities.

Other great season-ending events were shut down as well, including banquets and all-star games. The 2020 High School Senior All-Star Game held at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame was cancelled. The game was originally set for Thursday, March 19, but Gov. Charlie Baker has barred any gathering with more than 250 people. The games drawn a few

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State tournament halted before finals, Road Race cancelled

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Last week, the sports world was changed forever when the coronavirus pandemic cancelled the MIAA state championship games, and the professional sports world went into a domino effect that has led to the stoppage of play in all games and tournaments.

As the situation developed, the MIAA had started to play the state championship semifinal games, which included Minnechaug and Monson girls basketball.

But midway through the Monson game, it was announced that all semifinal winners would be considered “co-state champions.”

Monson’s game was one of a few that was played without

fans before sporting events were stopped altogether in an effort exercise a new buzzword known as “social distancing.”

Locally, one of the biggest impacts to the area occurred last Tuesday afternoon when Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse announced the cancellation of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, and with it, the popular St. Patrick’s Road Race, which was set to kick off on Saturday, March 21.

The event is cancelled and will not be made up due to the immense amount of planning and work with sponsors, public safety, sanitation, and other officials needed to make the event happen.

“It’s not something you can just postpone for a couple of weeks and then make it happen,” a city official said at Morse’s press conference on

Tuesday.

The cancellation has brought forth a lot of disbelief and disappointment in the amount of disturbance the coronavirus has caused in the past two weeks.

The St. Patrick’s Day Road Race was also considered a major preparation step for local runners who then move on to participate in the Patriots Day tradition, the Boston Marathon. However, that race has since also been postponed from its scheduled date of Monday, April 20. Tentatively, Gov. Charlie Baker and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh have moved the big race to Monday, Sept. 14. Baker said at a news conference his administration planned to file legislation to hold the race on that date.

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Quabbin boys have final game against German visitors

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - Excitement was in the air, the fans were in the stands, basketball was the name of the game – for all five quarters, when the Quabbin boys basketball team hosted and played against a team of German exchange students recently in the high school gym.

“Quabbin is pretty good, they had a lot of energy,” said German player Thora Koppel, one of four girls who chose to play in the game. “They have a really strong fan base.”

An enthusiastic crowd came out to watch as the special exchange



Quabbin’s Ryan Kowal guards a German opponent while his team watches from the bench.

Photo by Karen A. Lewis

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Daniel Fabian converges with an opponent for possession of the ball during the Pioneers last Open Cup appearance in 2018.

Photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Open Cup postponed, no makeup date yet announced

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Western Mass. Pioneers have made a total of 11 appearances in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, which is the oldest ongoing national soccer competition in the United States, since 1998.

The Pioneers have been invited by U.S. Soccer to participate in the 107th edition of the elite tournament after not qualifying a year ago.

But the Pioneers will have to wait a while before it has the opportunity to take part in the event after the coronavirus pandemic has led to the event being postponed.

The Pioneers were originally scheduled to play GPS Portland on Tuesday, March 24.

“We’re very excited to be playing in another Open Cup match at Lusitano Stadium,” said Pioneers

General Manager Greg Kolodziey. “It’s always a fun tournament and it’s a very good opportunity for the boys to play against some very good teams.”

In the past, the Open Cup has always started in May, but U.S. Soccer decided to begin this year’s tournament a couple of months earlier. With the ban on large events, it looks like the Cup may have to wait until May again.

“Because of our league rules, we won’t have access to any of the college players until the start of the regular season in May,” Kolodziey said. “We’ll have to piece together a roster for our first Open Cup game. We do have some older players from last year’s team that should be available to us. We’ll be signing players during the next couple of weeks.”

Federico Molinari will be returning as the Pioneers head coach.

The last time that the Pioneers won an Open Cup match was in 2014 when they defeated Mass. Premier Soccer, 4-1 at home in the first round. They then lost, 2-1, to the Rochester Rhinos (USL Pro) in a second-round road match. The Pioneers suffered first round losses at Lusitano Stadium in 2015, 2017, and 2018.

“We haven’t had very much luck playing in the Open Cup during the past couple of years,” Kolodziey said. “We’re hoping to turn things around this year.”

The Pioneers did have a very memorable 2019 campaign. They finished the regular season with an 11-0-3 record and captured the Northeast Division title. The Western Mass. squad defeated North Carolina Fusion U-23 by the final score of 3-1 in the conference semifinals before losing to host Reading

United AC 1-0 in the finals.

“We had a good group of players and it was a very good season for us last year,” Kolodziey said. “We’re hoping to qualify for the league playoffs again this year.”

GPS Portland Phoenix also made the league playoffs last year and they lost 2-1 to Reading United in the semifinals.

The Pioneers are currently scheduled to play at GPS Portland Phoenix to kick off the 2019 regular season on May 9. They’ll be playing at AC Connecticut the following week before hosting GPS Portland in the home opener on May 22. The Pioneers are scheduled to play five more regular season home matches.

There has not been any further information on the regular season schedule and it is possible the season will open without any delays since it is not set to begin until May.

Boys indoor track season celebrated

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - And just like that, the Quabbin indoor track banquet was cancelled last Thursday night, one of the first events of what has led to be basically everything cancelled or postponed.

“The administration cancelled the banquet,” said Quabbin boys indoor track coach Matt Castriotta. “We will combine the indoor and outdoor seasons into one banquet.”

Of course, there is a big uncertainty of whether or not the spring sports season will even happen. But in the meantime, the celebration last week was going to certainly highlight a most successful winter season, with the Panthers capturing the Mid Wach C title – going 4-0.

“I was very happy with the results this season,” Castriotta said. “We were a very balanced team with throwers, jumpers, sprinters and distance guys. We were hoping to win the district championship meet, but with the top 300m runner in the district injured, we just couldn’t top Littleton or Whitinsville Christian.”

The Panthers were deep in talent, breaking numerous school

records. Senior Hector Johnson was one of the standouts, ending off his season placing 19th in the state, 63rd nationally in the state pentathlon held on Feb. 26 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

“The pentathlon was a very weird, but fun experience because you have strengths and weaknesses in different events,” said Johnson, who competed in the 60m hurdles, long jump, shot put, high jump and 1000m. “You can’t be good at all of them. I came there for the first time with no goal whatsoever in mind. I honestly did it for the sake of my coach, but I performed so well I was on pace to break the school record.”

After four events, Johnson was ahead of Quabbin record holder Ben Sacramone.

“I did well in the long jump,” said Johnson. “In order to beat him, I had to run at a certain pace in the thousand because he ran a fairly good time. Unfortunately, I was unable to keep up with the pace coach made for me because I never really trained for it. My performance got me the third best record in school history. Not bad for someone doing it the first time.”

Johnson hopes to further his

track and football career at the college level, making a decision for either Endicott or Assumption.

Senior Panther Seth Talbot set a new school record for indoor pole vault at 13’ at the Reggie Lewis Center.

“I am very proud of the team and what we accomplished this year,” said Talbot, who also participates in outdoor track and did shot put and pole vault this year indoors. “I figured I would be a good person to throw shot put for the relay team and I did pole vault because I do it in outdoor track and I love it.”

Aside from the impressive pole-vaulting season, Talbot was one of three including Owen Faulha and Johnson who threw for a combined 110’ 2.5” to break the Panther shot put team record.

Other record breakers included Panthers Lukas Anderson, Ben Hood, Bailey Metcalf and Elliot Walsh who ran on the 4x800 relay team, earning a time of 8:27.85.

Panther league champions included Ben Weah in the 55m, Walsh in the 1000m and the mile, Owen Mahoney in the two mile, Lars Jenkins for the high jump and the team of Ryan Castriotta, Ben Hood, Lars Jenkins and Shea Lindley for the 4x400.

Sign-ups ongoing for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For players new to the league, there will be a workout held in early April prior to the league’s annual draft. Players will have an opportunity to showcase their skills before being selected to a team for the season. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

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thousand throughout the evening.

What could hurt the athletes most is the uncertainty. Spring sports are shut down for two weeks right now. But it is possible that could be extended, or worse, cancelled all together. Unfortunately, those options are on the table. The MIAA most recently released this statement on Saturday, March 14.

“The MIAA staff equally shares in these emotions and the existing heartbreak which has resulted due to canceled games, shortened seasons and disruption to exciting school activities, trips

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The MIAA hockey finals were also scrapped. They were set to take place last weekend at the TD Garden in Boston, which is now completely shut down from having events since Baker lowered the

and opportunities.

As we face these uncharted waters, be confident in knowing the MIAA staff is well and is readily available to you with guidance, support, resources and kindness. Our office is open and functioning. Scheduled meetings are moving forward in person or via tele- and/or video-conferencing, as organized by each MIAA sport liaison. Communication regarding the status of the spring season will be forthcoming following necessary discussions this coming week.”

Turley Sports will continue to monitor the situation and bring you news whenever we can.

gathering ban to 25 people.

In neighboring Connecticut, the CIAC, the organization that oversees the state’s high school sports has cancelled the remainder of the state tournaments for basketball, hockey, and other remaining sports that have competitions.

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“I’ve been coaching most of the players on this year’s team since they were in the fifth grade. I’ve coached a couple of them since they were in kindergarten,” coach Orszulak said. “I’m very proud of how far they’ve come and how well they’ve competed at this level. I can’t say enough good things about these players.”

When the six juniors were freshmen, Ware lost to Franklin South Division rival Putnam in the semifinals at the Cage. They lost to Hopkins Academy in the semifinals last year.

The other players listed on the Lady Indians postseason roster are freshman Emma Jacobs, eighth grader Emily McGrail, eighth grader Ava Jeffery, eighth grader Jillian Musnicki, seventh grader Abigale McQuaid, seventh grader Tory Finocchio, and seventh grader Erin McFaul.

The Lady Indians got off to a very slow start offensively in this year’s semifinal game.

The Millionaires (16-7) built a 10-3 lead with 1:45 left in the opening quarter when senior Katherine Nichols (10 points) knocked down a 3-pointer from the left side.

“It’s usually not a very good sign whenever you fall behind early in the game,” coach Orszulak



Photos by Lisa Thomas-DuFresne
Aidyn Welsh gets ready to make an inbound pass.

said. “We didn’t take care of the ball and we didn’t execute very well in the first quarter.”

With less than a minute remaining in the opening quarter, the Lady Indians closed the gap to 10-8 following a put-back basket by Bonnayer and a Welsh 3-pointer.

Ware was able to keep within

striking distance during the second quarter, but the Millionaires held a 25-16 halftime advantage.

Less than three minutes into the third quarter, Vadnais converted a lay-up before burying a 3-pointer from the top of the key, which sliced the Lady Indians deficit to 27-25.

Senior guard Jade Alward then made four 3-pointers during the final five minutes of the third quarter, which helped Lenox keep the lead. Alward made a total of seven shots in the contest from beyond the arc leading to a game-high 27 points.

Trailing by nine points, Ware began the final eight minutes of the contest with an impressive 11-0 run. Vadnais and Welsh combined to score the first nine points of the run, which tied the score at 41-41 with 4:35 left in regulation. The Lady Indians would then take the lead for first time when LaValley hit a jumper from the left corner.

With 3:38 left in the contest, Chelsea Orszulak made a free throw giving the Lady Indians a 44-43 advantage.

It turned out to be Ware’s final lead of the ballgame.

Alward made a pair of 3-pointers and the Millionaires also made four of five foul shots down the stretch sealing the semifinal victory.

BONDVILLE BOWLING NEWS

By Dave Smigiel

After tonight one week remains in our regular season before the playoffs. The Central division has a new leader as the Night Hawks have taken that spot by getting past the Fans of Kayce Smith 5-2 in a high scoring affair where all winning strings were decided with team singles over 500. The Fans took the opener with a 507 as Mike Nicholson’s super 140 (tops this week) along with Tom Clauson’s 107 and 106’s by Rich Dunnack and Brian Rowe countered Gavin Sinclair’s 119 and Dave Fennyery’s 107. The Hawks rebounded in the final two with singles of 506 and 510 of their own. It was Gavin’s excellent 134 combined with Dave’s 119 and Darryl Sinclair’s 116 that did the trick in the second. The Fans bowled well with 491 (Rick and Mike-107, Brian 116 and Tom 113) but still came up short. The rubber game was all Hawks as Gavin recorded 107 (360 triple), Dave a dynamite 135 (361) and Darryl 129 (342). 109’s by Rich (322) and Mike (356) and Tom’s 107 (327) wasn’t enough. Brian totaled 317 in the losing effort. Pinfall by 15 to the Hawks.

Meanwhile Sandri has fallen to second as they were upset by Fire Mountain 5-2. Gary Delisle was the mountaineers best as his 357 resulted from singles of 102, 136 and 119. He got lots of help from Rick

Trott with his 133 and 316 and Bob LaPlante his 300 (110 and 102). In the second they put up a huge 553 single (Bob-102, Vince Bradley-104, Gary-136 and Rick-133) to win handily and ensure their pinfall win by 85. Sean Andersen was tops for Sandri as his 340 included 105, 109 and 126 strings. Sue Horton followed with her 116 and 315 while Randy Harper added a 104 and Roland Horton a 97 in their string three win where they put up a 502. Sandri is a half-point off the pace and next week they will battle the Hawks to settle the Central.

Four points still separates the top two spots in the West as both the Incredibowls and Narutowicz won their matches by identical 5-2 scores. Peter Swistak topped the Incredibowls at 347 (126, 108, 113) with Billy Brunk contributing 323 (118 & 110), Steve Swistak 117 and 311 and Aaron Plankey a 105 first. Nate Orszulak led the Slow Burners at 334 (125 and 119) with Scott Radisic adding 119 and 320. Jody Orszulak chipped in with a 110 in string number two where they lost by nine.

Also in the West, the Narutowicz got another big night from Lee Robinson and downed Zeke’s Freaks taking the pinfall point by 11. Lee opened with 125 and added singles of 107 and 117 resulting in his 349 trifecta. Dan Trzpit aided at 315 (111 and 112). The Freaks took their points in the middle stanza as Doug

Grigas’ 101 and Pete Ducharme’s 113 was plenty. Doug filled in for the Freaks and topped them at 281. Ryan Breen registered a 103 finale for the Freaks where they lost by five measly pins. The Incredibowls and Towicz will go head to head next week to determine the West champ.

Roll-A-Way continues to fine tune their game as they wait to find out who their playoff competitors will be. They had no problem this week as they shutout the Snappers seven zip taking pinfall by 121. Phil Clough was the top dog as his league leading 380 resulted from a pair of 131’s and 118. Kylie Josefiak contributed 361 (127, 119, 115), Josh Lowell 121 and 318 and Dan Josefiak 316 (101, 108, 107). Rusty Lambert topped the shellmen with his 111 and 306 while Ed Stachowicz added 102 and 107 singles.

In a low scoring tight affair, the Cannonballs slipped past Kibbe’s Saw Mill 5-2. They came up one skinny little pin short of a sweep as Tony Burke’s 103 was just enough in the first for a Kibbe victory. He led his quartet at 278. Keith Marchessault took over from there and his 114 second and 112 third, where they won by two pins, settled the issue for the Cannonballers who took pinfall by 29. Kibbe’s remains in the hunt for the “wild-card” along with the Incredibowls and Narutowicz.



Members of the Quabbin basketball team, a handful of other Quabbin athletes and the German exchange students with their chaperones pose for a group picture after the game.

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program played their annual friendly basketball match, during a week filled with educational opportunities, cultural experiences and lots of fun for the special German guests.

“This is the third year we’ve done this,” German coach and chaperone Nicholas Behne said. “We have 18 students over here – four girls and 14 boys, 12 opted to play basketball today.”

Quabbin boys’ basketball head coach Dennis Dextradeur explained the whole exchange began when he was coaching a USA/New England basketball team and he played Behne’s Alba Berlin team, which is part of Germany’s highest level professional team and organization.

At the time, Behne had been working with several Berlin schools brainstorming a way to incorporate both English and basketball into a class. The end result was a two-year elective class for ninth and tenth graders offering the physical education component of basketball and the academic piece of English and the history of basketball.

The highlight at the end of the two years – a visit to the United States during basketball season to become immersed in the culture and to have opportunities to experience different levels of basketball in this country.

Since Behne already knew Dextradeur and had a good working relationship with him, it only seemed natural to pursue the chance for a collaboration with Quabbin.

“Nicholas brought up the idea of a sponsored exchange to enhance the learning experience for both our students and staff as well,” said Dextradeur. “We were fortunate that when I raised the possibility with our administration at Quabbin, it was positively received, encouraged and warmly accepted. We went with it and the program has become a remarkable success.”

As the 18 German students visited the Quabbin district area, staying with Quabbin host families, the plan was for 12 Quabbin students to visit Germany during April vacation and stay with some of the German students, as it had been done in the previous two years. Unfortunately, the overseas trip has been suspended.

However, rewinding the clock to the Friday night showcase, both teams had a memorable time playing.

“I think we matched up very well against each other,” Quabbin

junior Shea Skowyrza said, who was hosting German center, Constantin Grujicic, that he was ironically marking. “They played similar to us. The only difference is they moved the ball around the floor very well and they focused on their defense before their offense.”

All 18 students attend Heinrich Schliemann School in Berlin Germany and were accompanied on the trip by coach Behne, academic teacher Dirk Speckmann and youth coordinator Jan Erdtmann of Alba Berlin, the club basketball team that several students play for, including Grujicic and Koppel.

“The students learn about the history of the U.S., but basketball is the main focus,” stated Behne. “They get funding from the local government to come on this trip. It was not a problem finding hosts, we’ve made a good impression from past years. The kids get to learn about a new culture, they learn about life and get to know the language as they stay with families and make new friends.”

Both Grujicic and Koppel, who stayed with junior Sydney Bolger take basketball very seriously and hope to play after high school.

“It’s hard to get famous playing basketball if you’re a girl,” said Koppel. “I wanted to know how girls’ basketball is in the U.S. and wanted to visit colleges to know the options I had in the future. I would eventually like to be a physical therapist.”

While at Quabbin, Koppel was able to attend art, history and math classes, noting the structure was more independent than classes in Germany. Koppel also mentioned sour patch kids, Cheetos, Gatorade and oreos in the variety of flavors (not just the one flavor offered in Germany), were some of her favorite American foods.

“The trip is amazing,” said Grujicic. “I love basketball and want to be a pro someday. I love the game; you have to be creative when you play. Shea is tough to play against.”

Quabbin athlete Riley Rischitelli was thrilled to have the opportunity to host Oskar Barch, who also played in the game, and the chance to make international friends.

“Oskar was very personable and many of my friends and classmates who got to interact with him while he was here told me he was a fun guy,” Rischitelli said. “He loved Doritos, Cheetos and Gatorade, they don’t have any of those things in Germany, and also the size of the



Quabbin’s Shea Skowyrza goes up against his German houseguest Constantin Grujicic at a friendly game of basketball recently.

foods here like huge muffins.”

Music was a common denominator for the two, and Barch was able to shadow Rischitelli in several classes coming to the conclusion that American schools were much more “chill” than schools in Germany.

The bulk of the time for the Germans were filled with day trips. While the host students attended their normal classes, the Germans and their chaperones visited University of Connecticut and took in a game, toured Boston and went to a Celtics game and shopped at a local outlet mall. They participated in the Quabbin – Germany game with a banquet including host families after, and got to see first hand what U.S. high school district playoffs were like when they went to support the Quabbin boys team in their match against Chicopee.

A free day built into their itinerary enabled the German students to enjoy activities with their host families.

“The success of this exchange and relationship can best be defined by the faces and expressions of the students from both our schools,” concluded Dextradeur. “They say that those that do not travel only get to read the first page of a good book. The friendships formed by everyone from both sides of the Atlantic really lend validity to that adage. It really is a global world.”



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Members of Quabbin's NJROTC Unit and their escorts pose for a group picture after the NJROTC Ball recently.

NJROTC from page 1

Jeremy Kauppila in a car accident, after attending a post-ball party.

“We tell Jeremy’s story every year, it’s an important story to tell,” said Lt. Kathleen Frydel, one of the Naval Science instructors for the Quabbin NJROTC program and according to her colleague Captain Dan Brennock – the creative genius behind the Lock In. “Jeremy is why we do the Lock In.”

Although the latter event has also become a paramount part of the night, a fun-filled formal evening of elegance takes place before the Lock In even begins.

“I would describe the Ball the same way the cadets describe the NJROTC Ball, the best social event of the school year, not just for the cadets, but for the student guests who are invited to accompany a cadet,” said Brennock. “The differences between the NJROTC Ball and a prom are based in the rules of etiquette that are taught and expected, the emphasis on rules of conduct, the military ceremonial portions, and the fact the ball is planned from start to finish by the cadets.”

Held at the grand Colonial Hotel in Gardner, close to 100 cadets and their escorts enjoyed a lovely dinner, dancing and a variety of NJROTC traditions. At the conclusion of the ball, participants immediately headed to Quabbin to begin a much more casual phase two of the highly anticipated night.

“The Lock In is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged,” Brennock said. “Ninety percent of those who attend the ball participated in the Lock In. Those that did not, went home. There are no post-ball parties in private homes since we instituted the Lock In in 2015.”

As the cadets and their guests were changing out of their formal attire into casual clothes after posing for the fun group photo, Frydel took a couple of minutes to speak about the 2020 Lock In agenda.

“Every year we try to change it up,” she said. “Last year, we had the Amazing Race theme. This year we are doing a Just Dance event and a murder mystery game.”

Essentially split in half to fill up close to seven hours the Lock In covers (midnight to 7 a.m.), the Just Dance portion had everyone splitting into eight different groups, rehearsing a dance number, and then getting back together as the large group to perform for one another in the high school auditorium.

The pretend murder mystery took place all around the school after the dance competition, as clues were left scattered around with the goal to find out who killed victim Greg Devine, the principal of Quabbin Middle/High School. After the cadets broke into small groups, only by working together were they able to solve the mystery.

Frydel admitted the preparation was a huge task, but well worth the effort for the cadets to be able to have fun and stay safe.

“From the minute they get here



It was a mixture of getting serious and having fun for, left to right, Roman Cerezo, Molly Amidon and Noah Linhart when practicing for the big Just Dance event at the NJROTC Lock In.

until breakfast, we keep them moving,” said Frydel.

Aside from Frydel and Brennock, over a dozen chaperones were needed for the Lock In, which included past NJROTC students, parents of current NJROTC students and Wayne and Pam Kaupilla, parents of Jeremy.

“We had been invited from the beginning, but last year we were finally able to come,” said Pam Kaupilla, who has been holding the late summer event, “Keeping Memories Alive,” a motorcycle ride and BBQ fundraiser that has helped to support the Lock In, on behalf of their son. “Lt. was right, it was fun last year. To me the Lock In is about keeping kids safe and keeping the fun going. It brings it here (Quabbin) instead of someone’s house. Regardless if the kids drove to the Lock In, they’re picked up in the morning, so they’re not driving home too tired.”

For former students Tony Guyer (class of 2017), Jordan Salovardos (class of 2019) and Devin Lyden (class of 2018), all three valued their time in NJROTC so much and felt so strongly about the importance of holding the Lock In, giving up a night’s sleep to volunteer was the least they felt they could do.

“NJROTC had such a big impact on my life, it helped keep my moral structure in check,” said Guyer. “I also like seeing the progress of my former unit.”

“When I was a freshman, I was quiet and shy,” Salovardos said. “NJROTC had me do things that got me out of my comfort zone. They made things easier for me to go out and make friends.”

“I really like coming back,” revealed Devin Lyden. “NJROTC gave me a sense of structure and pushed me in a direction to my future. Plus I like seeing my sister (Lexie) who is a cadet in the program

now.”

NJROTC Commanding Officer Morgan Whitney was in fine spirits slightly after one a.m., choreographing his group to the song, “I Will Survive,” proving his leadership skills could easily transfer to dancing skills.

“This is a lot of fun – leading people isn’t hard at any capacity,” Whitney said. “As long as I can make it fun for my group – I’ve accomplished the goal. Plus, I’ve watched the video a lot of times before I started teaching them the dance.”

All kidding aside, Whitney was also grateful to have the Lock In in place.

“There is a message behind the importance of having this,” shared Whitney. “Being able to have fun without substances is important.”

Sophomore Lexie Lyden agreed. “I had a lot of fun at the Lock In and got to spend time with people I normally don’t see,” said Lexie Lyden. “I think it’s important to have. It keeps the cadets and guests safe, while allowing us to continue our night of fun. We are entertained, and no one gets hurt.”

Although an extremely long night for Brennock and Frydel, both enjoyed the end results.

“Did I have fun?” remarked Brennock a few days later. “When I watch cadets and guests at the ball and Lock In and see the smiles on their faces as each song is spun by the D.J., and when I watch them race through the halls of the school working together in their small team competitions, and when I see the enthusiasm and hear the joy in their voices, well, I’m having a great time. I’m having fun, the lieutenant is having fun, and we can’t imagine doing anything as worthwhile with our lives after serving in our nation’s Navy.”

Retired teacher reflects on 31 years

By **Jonah Snowden**
Staff writer

PALMER – One thing that recently retired Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School teacher Mark Thompson said he is going to miss about teaching is his students. Over the course of 31 years and having taught over 3,500 students, Thompson said he worked with multiple generations of families, who still acknowledge him as a their instructor.

“I’ve seen so many children who now have their own children, and they’ve gone out in our community and become really successful business owners and model citizens,” said Thompson. “It’s a really cool thing to have been a part of that community building process.”

After 31 years of teaching at Pathfinder Regional Technical High School, Mark Thompson officially closed this chapter of his life on Jan. 31, and is now planning to begin the next one.

After many years of working blue-collar jobs and being encouraged to work at a vocational school during his time at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Thompson began working as a student teacher for Pathfinder in 1988.

The following year, he was hired as a full-time social studies teacher. During his time as a teacher, he also taught English, street law and began a global issues course.

When reflecting on his years of working for Pathfinder, Thompson said that it was a challenge to teach his courses at a vocational school.

“The students for the most part are more interested in the vocational aspect than the academic aspect,” said Thompson.

So Thompson thought outside the box to make this challenge a fun one. Since the academic classes only ran bi-weekly, Thompson said he had to be energetic and entertaining to keep the students interested.

This is when his experience as a stand-up comedian and magician came into play; he would occasionally pull a magic trick out of nowhere to liven up the classroom.

“I made sure that the classes were well-disciplined and well-maintained, but it was a safe environment where we could have fun and we could laugh,” said Thompson.

He also said showing his skills as a magician was done to remind his students that there is “magic in the world out there,” and to keep their eyes open to “appreciate everything that’s out there.”

“We tend to get beat down by the system and the doom and gloom of the world, but there’s a lot of cool stuff if you look for it,” said Thompson.



Courtesy Photo

A couple of weeks before retiring, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School social studies teacher Mark F. Thompson received an honorary trophy from his students for teaching multiple generations of families over his long career at the school.

Now, Thompson said he has different projects and goals he’s working on. His projects include writing a biography about the late magician, Don Viano, titled “Viva Viano.” He is also planning to write a book from the notebooks he kept of his students’ quotes as well other funny and interesting events that have happened. Along with these two books, he also is working on getting his hypnosis license.

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5 reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

Summer vacation offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could lounge poolside, skip rocks across ponds and spend the long days of the season playing with friends. But many of today's youngsters spend much of their summer vacations indoors playing with their digital devices.

Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year ends.

Although kids needn't be in camp all summer long, a week or two can benefit campers of all ages. The follow-

ing are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year.

1 Explore talents. Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.

2 Physical activity: Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that takes place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health

benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

3 Gain confidence. Day and sleep-away camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other students.

4 Try new things. Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether that's learning to cook, exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlightening for children.

5 Make new friends. Camp is a great place to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools.

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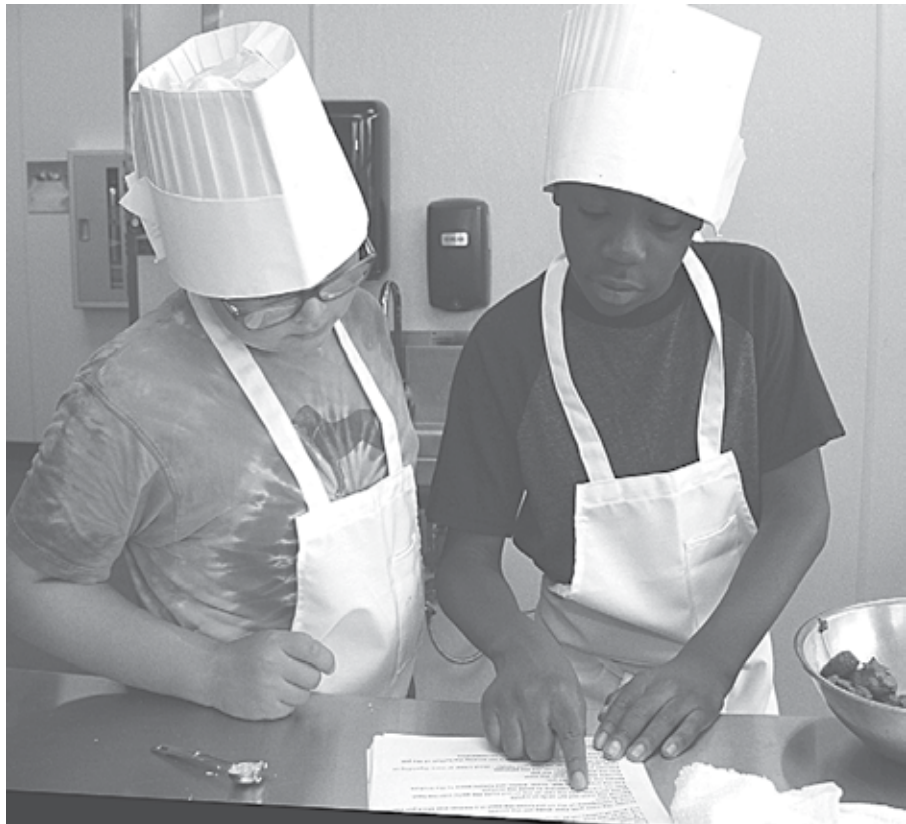
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Factors to consider before choosing a summer camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers' lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families' disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families' decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp is \$43.

When looking for a

summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they're more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

Kids' interests

The ACA urges parents to consider the child's interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps

should align with children's interests and maturity level.

Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

Session length

Camps may last as little as

one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want to commit their children to lengthy camp sessions, even if those sessions are close to home. If parents think their children can benefit from the same structure they're accustomed to during the school year, then an overnight camp that stretches for several weeks might be what they're looking for.

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public notices

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HARDWICK NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions and statutes relating thereto, application is hereby made for a license pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, section 59. The applicants Daniel Hersey, Brian Gillespie, Edward McGrew and Ashley Kulig, owners D/B/A Affordable Cars, located at 2089 Greenwich Road, Hardwick, Massachusetts is requesting a class II license to operate an Automobile Repair and Sales business under Section 59. Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on this application on **Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:45 PM**, at the Municipal Office Bldg., 307 Main Street, Gilbertville. Any person wishing to comment may do so at that time. Written comments, addressed to the Board of Selectmen, will also be accepted if submitted prior to the date and time of the hearing.

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BOARD OF
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TOWN OF HARDWICK
3/12, 3/19/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 15 Williston Drive, Ware, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **John E. Kos and Maureen S. Kos** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master,

Inc., said mortgage dated February 24, 2010, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, in Book 10110 at Page 17 and now held by Selene Finance LP by virtue of an assignment from U.S. Bank National Association to Selene Finance LP dated April 10, 2019 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13236, Page 242, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association by virtue of assignment dated January 16, 2013 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 11207, Page 78 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **March 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: The land in said Ware on the southerly side of a proposed drive leading northerly from the northerly terminus of Williston Drive, being Lot 5 as shown on entitled "Williston Heights" by DesLauriers and Associates, Inc., P.L.S. dated September 7, 1988, recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 159, Page 72, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at point in the southerly line of said drive, said point being westerly 54.88 feet on an arc with a radius of 208.00 feet from a bound in the street sideline of said Lot 5 as shown on said plan; thence northeasterly on a curve to the right along said drive an arc length of

54.88 feet on a radius of 208.00 feet to a bound as shown on said plan; thence continuing along said drive on a curve to the right on a radius of 45.00 feet an arc length of 37.85 feet to another bound; thence continuing along a cul-de-sac on a curve to the left having a radius of 60.00 feet an arc length of 57.27 feet to the southernmost point of Lot 4 as shown on said plan; thence 86° 51' 20" East along Lot 4 343.36 feet to a point; thence North 3° 34' 20" East 236.42 feet along Lot 4 to a point in the southerly line of Lot 3 as shown on said plan; thence South 64° 50' 00" East along Lot 3 378.00 feet to a point in the westerly line of land now or formerly of Rebecca Sullivan; thence South 42° 40' 00" West along said Sullivan and Land now or formerly of Joseph F. Pisarski, et ux, 279.25 feet to a point marking the northeasterly corner of Lot 6 as shown on said plan; thence North 64° 50' 00" West 188.61 feet along Lot 6 to a point; thence North 86° 51' 20" West still along Lot 6, 400.00 feet to a point; thence North 48° 58' 24" West still along Lot 6, 104.14 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor herein by deed of Steven M. High and Linda M. High dated April 8, 1997 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 5096, Page 186.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated April 8, 1997, and recorded in Book 5096 at Page 186 with the Hampshire

County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

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TOWN OF WARE Requests for Proposals – Millyard Redevelopment Project Responses Due:

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Town Hall
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082
For Further Information Please Contact:
Rebekah DeCourcey
Director of Planning & Community Development
413-967-9648 x 118
rdcourcey@townof-ware.com

The Town of Ware has been awarded \$50,000 through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to study the infrastructure of the Millyard. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is being sent to

interested engineering firms for providing General Engineering Services on the Millyard Redevelopment Project. Scope of Services: determine the current condition of underground tunnels, penstocks and utility infrastructure to aid in demolition and future development. Proposals for providing these services will be received until the close of business (4:00 P.M.) April 1, 2020. Work is not to exceed \$50,000. Please contact the PC&D department in the Town Hall for a full copy of the RFP. 3/19/2020

WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Special Permit No. 295
Site Plan Review No. 62
Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, NOTICE is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, April 06, 2020 at 7:15PM** on the application of Warren Water District, seeking a Special Permit No. 295 & Site Plan No. 62 under Section 3.25.2 & 3.25.3 & 5.332.1 of the Town of Warren Zoning Bylaws. The Hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street in Warren.

SITE LOCATION: The subject property is located on Comins Pond Road, Warren, MA. The property is also known as Assessor's Map 28, Lots 36, 37 & 38 which are located in the Village District.

SUBJECT: The Applicant is requesting an expansion of the

Warren Water District's existing water supply facility regarding a proposed water treatment plant.

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Warren Planning Board
Derick Veliz, Chairman
3/12, 3/19/2020

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HARDWICK Special Town Meeting of March 21, 2019 CASE# 9722 General Bylaws Articles # 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 and Annual Town Meeting of June 19, 2019 CASE # 9705 General Bylaws Articles #24 & 25.

The full text of the Attorney General decisions is available for review at the Town Clerk Office during regular business hours.
3/12, 3/19/2020

INVITATION FOR BID SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B, the WARE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS accepting bids for SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES. Specifications will be available on **MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020, after 10AM** via email request to **aleclair@ware.k12.ma.us**

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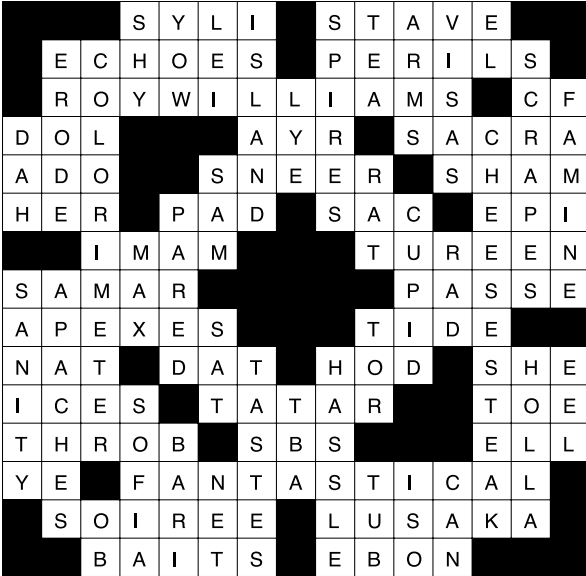
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Dr. Marlene DiLeo, Superintendent – mdileo@ware.k12.ma.us
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MHA service enables clients, counselors to meet virtually

SPRINGFIELD — MHA's recent introduction of its new TeleWell virtual service delivery could not have come at a better time, as more people address the personal impact of government directives such as social distancing to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. TeleWell allows mental health clinicians and their clients to make virtual connections using a smart phone, tablet or computer.

TeleWell is one of the service delivery methods available to cli-

ents through the MHA's BestLife Emotional Health and Wellness Center. Funds provided by the Baystate Health Foundation and the Beveridge Foundation made it possible for MHA to launch TeleWell.

"To slow the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has encouraged Americans to practice social distancing, a public health practice that aims to prevent sick people from coming in close contact with healthy people in order

to reduce opportunities for disease transmission," said Sara Kendall, vice president of clinical operations for MHA.

"Social distancing can include large-scale measures like canceling group events or closing public spaces, as well as individual decisions such as avoiding crowds," Kendall continued. "With social distancing now part of daily life, persons who receive therapy for emotional support, or who would like to, may experience uncertainty when it comes to making

and keeping office-based appointments. TeleWell provides another option by enabling persons to keep their appointments virtually."

According to Kendall, MHA originally conceived TeleWell as a way to deliver services to people who did not have convenient access to office appointments due to their location, such as rural areas with limited options for transportation. But social distancing has suddenly created a new and vital need for the TeleWell delivery service as people are

avoiding going out of their homes to help slow the spread of COVID-19 locally.

"With public health quickly becoming such a major concern, people are staying home, perhaps left alone with thoughts which may be negative," said Kendall. "That can lead them to withdraw at the exact moment they need access to counseling. TeleWell helps by ensuring that delivery of services for mental health can continue without interruption. I saw firsthand at BestLife the relief

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